

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

### **• Broadband Committee •**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

**4:00 P.M.**

Courthouse - Room #3312  
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. November 14, 2019
4. Motion to move into Closed Session
  - a. Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of discussing and sharing proprietary information from an outside agency in regard to research and potential revenue of that agency  
  
RE: Tri-County Telecom and 24/7
5. Broadband Survey Questions – **Discussion/Action**
6. Broadband Forward Resolution – **Discussion/Action**
7. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**
8. Adjourn

*Next Meeting - January 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in room 3312*

Prepared by: Samantha Cole, Administration

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## **MINUTES**

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Members: Joe Alf, Collin Pomplun, Donald Mowry, Sarah Lipke, Scott Hoffman, Scott Hoffman, Tim Laubach, Lynn Thompson

Others: Rod Eslinger – Director of Planning & Development, Frank Draxler – Administrative Operations Manager, Samantha Cole – Administrative Specialist III, John Feldman (Presenter), Luke Hanson - EDC, Dave Hayden – Information Systems Director

Press: Ryan Anderson

Chair Mowry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the October 3, 2019 committee meeting. Scott Hoffman motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of two spelling errors, Lynn Thompson seconded the motion; all in favor.

A presentation was made by John Feldman – PCS Technologies, Inc. about the options of last mile wireless and other options.

Scott Hoffman left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Frank Draxler shared information on surveying in Eau Claire County for broadband services. It would be time consuming, however necessary for many grants.

- We have options to do door by door surveys or a Test It application.
- Dave Hayden has contacted NACo to see if we can obtain the raw data from the Test It application.
- Schools are being encouraged to survey families at registration to gain data of broadband service in their home.
- Online survey (address, what service they currently have, speed, technology, cost)
  - Check with Dunn County and DPI for examples of questions
  - County staff will work on survey and send examples

Frank Draxler and Rod Eslinger gave information on Broadband Forward! and Telecommuter Forward! We will need to identify one position to go to. It is the intention to begin filling out applications as soon as possible. Dave Hayden suggested the County work on the Broadband Forward! application as the towns in the County are working on Telecommuter Forward!

Donald Mowry gave a brief overview on various webinars he has been involved in.

Rod Eslinger gave a presentation of draft material on the maps within Eau Claire County.

The next meeting will be December 19 at 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Samantha Cole will send a meeting invite for the next 6 months.

Adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Samantha Cole  
Administrative Specialist III (Department of Administration)