

## **MINUTES**

Eau Claire County

### **• Broadband Committee •**

Thursday, April 23, 2020

**4:00 P.M.**

Remote Meeting via Webex Events

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#### **Public Access:**

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Members Present: Lynn Thompson, Joe Alf, Donald Mowry, Scott Hoffman, Tim Laubach, Luke Hanson, Mark Zuber, Collin Pomplun

Staff: Rodney J. Eslinger – Director of Planning and Development, Frank Draxler – Administrative Operations Manager, Dave Hayden – Director of Information Systems

Others Present: Buck Webb, TriCounty Telecom (TCC), and Jim Kusilek, 24/7 Telcom

Press: None

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice  
Chairperson Mowry call to order the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and he confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)  
None

3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes from February 20, 2020 – **Discussion/Action**  
Lynn Thompson motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Mark Zuber seconded the motion; all in favor.

4. 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: TriCounty and 24/7

Collin Pomplun motioned to go into closed session, Tim Laubach seconded the motion; all in favor.

Mark Zuber motioned to go out of closed session, Collin Pomplun seconded the motion; all in favor.

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RE: FirstNet (NOT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING)

6. Legislative Status Update – **Discussion**  
Frank Draxler gave a brief update of the PSC Awards were published on the PSC website.

7. Broadband Telecommuter Resolutions Update – **Discussion**  
Mark Zuber indicated due to COVID-19 there were no other updates from the towns. He will follow up with the boards in the summer.

8. Length of Broadband Survey – **Discussion/Action**

Mr. Eslinger updated the committee regarding the online broadband survey results and asked the committee their preference of how long the broadband survey should be available. A consensus of the committee favored to keep the online survey available to the public as long as possible. Eslinger agreed and will report back to the committee with updated results at a future meeting.

9. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**

- FirstNet/ATT
- Committee vacancies (2)
- Telework and Telemedicine
- Other funding sources/grants.
- The next meeting will be May 21, 2020.

10. Adjourn

**Action:** Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Rodney J. Eslinger  
Director of Planning and Development