



MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING

Agenda

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, January 23, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: **Assembly Room, Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau, WI**

Task Force Members: Chair John Robinson, Jacob Langenhahn, Gary Gisselman, Mike Ritter, Jennifer Aarrestad, Tony Sherfinski, Eric Budleski, Milton Olson, Wade Carroll, Kurt Schoenroch, Jon Euting

Task Force Purpose: *Develop recommendations identifying the potential role of Marathon County in facilitating the expansion of broadband access in Marathon County. Review the Report: Broadband for Marathon County Broadband Assessment and Plan prepared by Design Nine and develop broad policies and partnership recommendations relating to the expansion of broadband/internet services throughout Marathon County.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Task Force members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Task Force members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Task Force members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comments (15 Minute limit)**
3. **Approval of the December 19, 2022, minutes – tabled to February meeting**
4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
 - A. Presentation on Telehealth – Wade Carrol
 - B. Update on Grant Funded Broadband Projects
 1. Frontier (PSC 2022)
 2. Bug Tussel (PSC 2022)
 3. Charter (RDOF)
 - C. Status Report on Bug Tussel’s Project
 - D. FCC Fabric Map Challenges
5. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action:**
 - A. Approach to Funding Sources: County, State, and Federal
 1. PSC Grant - \$14 million available
 2. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program
 3. American Rescue Plan Act
 4. Affordable Connectivity Program – Federal Communications Commission (fcc.gov)
 - B. Process for determining priorities for future broadband expansion efforts
6. **Next Steps**
7. **Next Meeting Date – February 27, 2023**
8. **Adjournment**

“Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ John Robinson _____
Presiding Officer or Designee

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