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MARATHON COUNTY**



***Marathon County Mission Statement:** Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on Monday, July 26, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following matter:

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:

1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 235 4571

The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 6:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Roll Call

RESOLUTION

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Authorization to Support Broadband Grant Application for Charter Communications to PSC #R-49-21

C. ADJOURN

FAXED TO: Media Group

Date _____ Time _____

By _____

Signed _____

NOTICE POSTED AT THE COURTHOUSE

Date _____ Time _____

By _____

RESOLUTION #R-49 -21

AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS’ BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION(S) TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)

WHEREAS, broadband access is essential for economic development, virtual and lifetime learning, rural prosperity, and telehealth health services in Marathon County;

WHEREAS, Marathon County has recognized the importance of broadband access in ensuring the health, safety and economic prosperity for all residents;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the county is currently “unserved” and “underserved” in terms of access to reliable and adequate broadband services;

WHEREAS, the County has recognized the need to play a role in enhancing broadband access to its residents based on the findings and work done in association with the 2009 Broadband Gap Analysis, the 2015 Broadband Connectivity Task Force Report, and the 2019 Broadband Assessment and Plan prepared by Design Nine;

WHEREAS, based on meetings and discussions with Internet Service Providers and evaluating the recommendations of Design Nine the County Board created a Broadband Task Force and charged it with identifying strategies, partners and potential funding sources that will support the expansion of broadband services to underserved areas;

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed opportunities to expand broadband services through the \$100 million Broadband Expansion Grant Program administered by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC);

WHEREAS, applications for the grant are due by July 27, 2021, and the County is working with a number of providers to develop proposals that will serve the greatest number of residents and businesses in unserved or underserved areas in the County,

WHEREAS, upon being awarded an Expansion Grant from the PSC, Charter Communications would provide fiber to the premises (FTTP) along a 551.9-mile fiber route to 2,370 locations in Eastern Marathon County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors supports efforts to expand broadband access by entering into a partnership with Charter Communications and/or other partners in submitting grant application(s) to the Public Service Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate county officials are authorized to convey to the PSC Marathon County’s support for Charter Communications’ grant application for broadband service expansion.

No Fiscal Impact:

Dated this 26th day of July

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kurt Gibbs Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz; Tim Buttke; Randy Fifrlick; Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Alyson Leahy, John Robinson, Vacant seat

From: Flynn, Celeste M <Celeste.Flynn@charter.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 4:05 PM

To: Gerard Klein <Gerard.Klein@co.marathon.wi.us>

Cc: Flynn, Celeste M <Celeste.Flynn@charter.com>; Hill, Mike S <mike.hill@charter.com>; Raschka, Adam <Adam.Raschka@charter.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter / Marathon county State BB Grant

Gerry,

As a follow-up to our conversation I am sending you information regarding Charter Communication's desire to partner with Marathon County to obtain a broadband grant from the state PSC to assist in funding the construction of broadband in Marathon County.

Under this grant application we will be proposing Fiber to the Home (FTTH) builds capable of delivering residential speeds of up to 1000/500 Mbps, as well as voice, Spectrum video app capability, and mobile products to 2,370 locations in the County. I am attaching a map for your reference (below). The total cost of the project is \$22,033,366. Charter is proposing to pay \$7,110,000 of the project cost. We will be seeking a state broadband grant of \$14,923,366 We are not requesting funding for this application from the County.

Charter will be responsible for filling out the application and I will be happy to share it with you to review once I have completed it. All we would ask from you as our partner is the following:

1. A **letter of support** from the County supporting our grant application.
2. If possible, **letters from residents and businesses** in the County supporting the expansion of broadband into the County.
3. Confirmation if the County is a "Broadband Forward" County.

We are excited to work with the County. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

Celeste Flynn

Proposed Project Area:

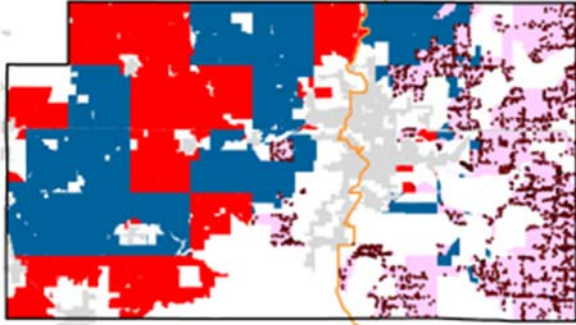
Legend:

Blue – Charter RDOF

Red – Other RDOF

Pink /Red dots – Proposed Project Area

Grey – Charter's service area



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