



MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING

Agenda

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.**

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

Task Force Members: Chair John Robinson, Eric Budleski, Sandi Cihlar, Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Milton Olson, and John Robinson, Wade Carroll, Kurt Schoenroch

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 November 15, 2021 and December 14, 2021 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes**
4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
 - A. Update on RDOF progress
 - B. Update on NTIA Grant Application
 - C. Discussion of Other Funding Opportunities
 - D. Update on Bug Tussel
5. **Policy Discussion And Possible Action:**
 - A. Public Education on Use of GeoPartners Survey Tool of Unmet Needs
 - B. Partnership Opportunities for the Wisconsin PSC’s Broadband Access Grant \$100 Million
 1. Internet Service Providers
 2. Other Units of Government
 3. Use of Unallocated Capital Improvement Funds for Broadband Expansion
 - C. Potential Legislative Changes that Could Expand Access to Internet Services
6. **Next Steps**
7. **Next Meeting: February 28, 2022**
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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DATE/TIME: 1/19/2022