



# MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING

## Agenda

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, February 21, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. (Please note the start time)**

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. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number. Please press # if prompted for an attendee code.**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comments (15 Minute limit)**
3. **Approval of the January 24, 2022 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 ISP Initiatives
5. **Policy Discussion And Possible Action:**
  - A. Review and Recommend Partnerships for the Wisconsin PSC’s Broadband Access Grant
    1. Determine Criteria for evaluation of requests
    2. Determine role of Marathon County and expectations of other parties including local governments
    3. Identify steps to support the applications
  - B. Potential Legislative Changes that Could Expand Access to Internet Services
6. **Next Steps**
7. **Next Meeting: March 28, 2022**
8. **Adjournment**

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**SIGNED** /s/ John Robinson  
Presiding Officer or Designee

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