

MARATHON COUNTY

BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING

Agenda

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, June 27, 2022 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 March 28, 2022 and May 23, 2022 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes
- 4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:
 - A. Public Service Commission Grant Awards
 - B. Funding Sources: County, State and Federal
 - 1. NTIA Middle Mile Grant MIDDLE MILE NOFO.pdf (doc.gov)
 - 2. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program
 - 3. American Rescue Plan Act
 - C. Update on Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
 - D. Digital Equity and Inclusion Efforts in Wisconsin
 - E. Update on Bug Tussel's Project
- 5. Policy Discussion And Possible Action:
 - A. Process for determining priorities for future broadband expansion efforts
 - B. Outreach and Public Engagement activities: Website; Speed Test; Other
- 6. Next Steps
- 7. Next Meeting: July 25, 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 <u>countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us</u> one business day before the meeting.

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Faxed Date/Time:

SIGNED <u>/s/ John Robinson</u> Presiding Officer or Designee

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BY: <u>T. Ranallo</u> DATE/TIME: _____