



# MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE

## MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, February 15, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: **Conference Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI**

**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.*

**Task Force Members:** Katrina Becker, Eric Budleski Sandi Cihlar, Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Emmett McBride, Kent Olson, and John Robinson

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: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 962 376 748 If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number," enter the "#" sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. When you enter the telephone conference, **PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!**

### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minute limit)
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2021 BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING  
EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
4. UPDATE ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANTS
5. UPDATE ON RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND AUCTION
  - A. POTENTIAL ROLE FOR COUNTY TO ACCELERATE PROJECTS
6. REPORT ON NEWER BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS STAR LINK AND LEO
7. UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO EXPAND WIFI HOTSPOTS AT COUNTY FACILITIES
8. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS  
POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:
9. REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MARATHON COUNTY ZONING CODE 17.301 CHANGING TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES FROM A PERMITTED TO CONDITIONAL USE
10. DEFINING ROLES OF PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF BROADBAND EXPANSION INCLUDING FUNDING
11. NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS AND TOPICS
12. NEXT STEPS
13. ADJOURN

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**SIGNED** /s/ John Robinson

Presiding Officer or Designee

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