



MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, April 19, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.**

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

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

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 February 15, 2021 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes**
4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. **Update on Extension of the Broadband Task Force beyond the April Sunset Date**
 - B. **Update on Efforts to Expand Wi-Fi Hotspots at County Facilities**
 - C. **Update On Public Service Commission Broadband Expansion Grant Awards**
 - D. **Update On Proposed Amendment To Marathon County Zoning Code 17.301 Changing Telecommunication Facilities from A Permitted To Conditional Use**
 - E. **Update On Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction**
 1. Coverage, schedule and level of service
 - F. **Report On State And Federal Broadband Funding Opportunities**
 1. 2021-2023 State Budget
 2. Federal American Rescue Plan
5. **Policy Discussion And Possible Action:**
 - A. **Statutory Changes That Would Facilitate Broadband Expansion**
 - B. **Support for 2021-2023 State Budget Initiatives to Expand Broadband**
 - C. **Developing a Process for Investing County Resources for Broadband Expansion Efforts**
 1. Transparency, Accountability, and Level of Service
 2. Priority areas for broadband expansion
6. **Next Meeting Logistics And Topics**
7. **Next Steps**
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 infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ John Robinson
Presiding Officer or Designee

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