

MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, May 17, 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, 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 April 19, 2021 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes
- 4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:
 - A. Update On Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction
 - 1. Discussion with RDOF Recipients Charter and LTD Wireless
 - B. Report On State And Federal Broadband Funding Opportunities
 - 1. Federal American Rescue Plan
 - 2. USDA Reconnect Program
 - C. Broadband Affordability
 - 1. Emergency Broadband Benefit and other direct to consumer programs
- 5. Policy Discussion And Possible Action:
 - A. Develop a Process for Investing County Resources for Broadband Expansion Efforts
 - 1. Broadband Project Evaluation Criteria
 - B. Information Gaps and Needs
 - 1. Potential Broadband Survey
- 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 countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ John Robinson

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