



**MARATHON COUNTY  
BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING  
AGENDA**

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, July 26, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: **Employee Resources Conference Room C149, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

**Task Force Members:** Eric Budleski, Sandi Cihlar, Jon Euting, Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Milton Olson, John Robinson, and Kurt Schoenrock

**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 July 7, 2021 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes**
4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
  - A. **Update on Grant Applications For the Wisconsin PSC's American Rescue Act Broadband Access Grant**
  - B. **Potential Funding Sources For Broadband Expansion Including NTIA And PSC Grants**
5. **Policy Discussion And Possible Action:**
  - A. **Marathon County's Future Role As A Fiscal Partner For Broadband Expansion**
    1. **Define Role of County**
    2. **Commitments: Financial or other**
    3. **Expectations of Internet Service Providers/Partners**
  - B. **Review of Marathon County Broadband Survey and Distribution Plan**
  - C. **Development of a Request for Proposals for Broadband Services**
  - D. **Authorization to Support Broadband Grant Application for Charter Communications to NTIA**
  - E. **Authorization to Support Broadband Grant Application for Charter Communications to PSC**
6. **Next Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021: Topics**
7. **Next Steps**
8. **Adjournment**

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

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