



MARATHON COUNTY
BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING
AMENDED AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, August 23, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 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. Update on Marathon County/Charter application to NTIA
 - C. Potential Federal and State Funding Sources For Broadband Expansion and Affordability
5. Policy Discussion And Possible Action:
 - A. **Bug Tussel Conduit Bonding Proposal**
 - B. Marathon County's Future Role As A Fiscal Partner For Broadband Expansion
 1. Define Role of County
 2. Commitments: Financial or other
 - a) Potential use of ARPA funds
 3. Expectations of Internet Service Providers/Partners
 4. Partnerships to extend service too hard to reach areas
 5. Staff support for broadband expansion efforts
 - B. Review of Marathon County Broadband Survey and Distribution Plan
 - C. Development of a Request for Proposals for Broadband Services (based on Kewaunee County approach)
6. Next Meeting: Monday, September 27, 2021: 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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