



# MARATHON COUNTY

## BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

**Task Force Members:** Chair John Robinson, Eric Budleski, Sandi Cihlar, Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Milton Olson, and John Robinson, Wade Carroll, Kurt Schoenroch

**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.*

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comments (15 Minute limit)**
3. **Approval of the October 25, 2021 Broadband Task Force Meeting Minutes**
4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
  - A. Update on Grant Timelines and Process For the Wisconsin PSC’s Broadband Access Grant \$100 million
  - B. Update on Marathon County/Charter application to NTIA
  - C. Update on Rural Digital Opportunities Fund CCO Holdings and LTD
  - D. Federal Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act \$65 billion
  - E. Update on Bug Tussel Conduit Bonding Proposal
5. **Policy Discussion And Possible Action:**
  - A. Marathon County’s Future Role As A Fiscal Partner For Broadband Expansion
    1. Define Role of County in Upcoming Grants
      - a. Commitments: Financial and Other
    2. Expectations of Internet Service Providers/Partners
    3. Identify Service Gaps
      - a. Review options to collect data survey and/or contract i.e. Geo Partners
    4. Partnerships to extend service too hard to reach areas
    5. Potential use of ARPA funds
    6. Staff support for broadband expansion efforts
  - B. Legislative Changes to Facilitate Broadband Expansion
    1. Improve transparency of fiber locations
    2. Other
6. **Next Steps**
7. **Next Meeting: TBD**
8. **Adjournment**

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

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