



# MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE

## AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, August 17, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.**

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

**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.*

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

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.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the** start time indicated above using the following number: +1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 146 215 0250 Password: BroadbandTF.

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### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER;
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minute limit)
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2020 BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETING**

#### EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. UPDATE ON RESEARCH REGARDING COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
5. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BROADBAND CASE STUDIES
6. MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND FUNDING

#### POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

7. ESTABLISH BASELINE BROADBAND SPEED
8. SHORT TERM GOALS:
  - A. USE OF ROUTES TO RECOVERY AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
  - B. DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT PROJECT
  - C. EXPANDED PUBLIC WIFI ACCESS
  - D. PREPARATION FOR AUGUST MEETING WITH INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS
9. LONG TERM GOALS:
  - A. REVIEW OF DESIGN NINE BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS AND TOPICS

10. NEXT STEPS.
11. SET FUTURE MEETING DATES AND SCHEDULE.
12. ADJOURN.

*“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](mailto:infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.*

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

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