



MARATHON COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE

MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Monday, December 7, 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: 962 376 748. If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number," enter the "#" sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. When you enter the telephone conference,

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minute limit)
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 16, 2020 BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. UPDATE ON STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE WITTENBERG TELEPHONE FIBER TO THE HOME AND THE MARATHON COUNTY WIRELESS BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECTS
5. UPDATE ON WIFI ACCESS AT LIBRARY FACILITIES

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. DISCUSSION OF TASK FORCE 2021 WORKPLAN
7. DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING COUNTY RESOURCES FOR FUTURE PROJECTS
 - a) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
8. EVALUATE COUNTY ROLE IN RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND AUCTION
 - a) ACCELERATE TIMELINE, EXPAND CAPACITY OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS
9. EVALUATE FINANCING TOOLS, INCLUDING CONDUIT BONDING
10. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATION ON POLICY FOR USE OF COUNTY TOWERS AND FACILITIES FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION
11. DEVELOP A PROCESS TO LEVERAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT BROADBAND EXPANSION
 - a) IDENTIFY FUNDING PARTNERS
 - b) DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT PLAN
12. NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS AND TOPICS
13. NEXT STEPS
14. 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 one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ John Robinson
Presiding Officer or Designee

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