



**JOINT MEETING - FINANCE COMMITTEE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE, AND AD HOC BROADBAND COMMITTEE**
Minutes - February 24, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid joint meeting of the Finance Committee, Planning & Development Committee, and Ad Hoc Broadband Committee to order at 4:43 P.M. on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Davis, Sweeney, Homan, Mawhinney, Beaver, Wilson, Gustina, Podzilni, Aegerter, and Richard Bostwick.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Potter and Fox.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; James Otterstein; Sherry Oja, Finance Director; Andrew Baker; Director Land Conservation Department & Planning and Development Agency.

Others Present: Russell Berg, Nokomis Networking; Mitch Olson, Bug Tussel.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Adopting Broadband Project Guiding Principles: Supervisor Homan moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Wilson.

Randy Terronez spoke to this resolution. He explained that this resolution incorporates the strategy for broadband expansion within Rock County. James Otterstein added that this resolution maximizes the resources that we currently have.

Supervisor Mawhinney inquired why this allows to use Public Works bidding procedure. Randy clarified that since this would allow access to right-of-way.

ADOPTED.

Authorizing ARPA Funding for Broadband Expansion Projects: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Homan.

Randy Terronez spoke to this resolution. He elaborated that there are two parts to this resolution. The first part is to request ARPA dollars for broadband expansion. The other major part is applying for the project with Bug Tussel. The Ad Hoc Broadband Committee is asking for \$6 million and any remaining unspent ARPA dollars.

Supervisor Aegerter expressed concern that the resolution lacks a date for the unallocated ARPA funds. Richard Greenlee explained that this does not encumber the funds in any sort of way. This is more of a statement of values.

ADOPTED.

Adjournment: Supervisor Davis moved adjournment at 5:03 P.M., second by Supervisor Wilson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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