



Minutes - June 14, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14, in Conference Room N1.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Mawhinney, Beaver, Wilson, Sutterlin, Winter, and Sweeney.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; James Otterstein, Economic Development Manager; Kathleen Holford; Computer Network Engineer.

Others Present: Supervisors Farrell, Towns, and Zoril; Russell Berg, Nokomis Networking; Mitch Olson, Bug Tussell; Gordy LaChance, Janesville IT Manager.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: No public comment submitted.

Supervisor Zoril expressed his support of Supervisor Farrell's proposal. He asked for the committee's view of the cellphone towers aspect of this proposal.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Financial Review of Bug Tussell Wireless - Sup. Jim Farrell Proposal: Randy Terronez explained that Supervisor Farrell emailed him late last week expressing his willingness to do a financial review of Bug Tussell.

Supervisor Farrell highlighted his background. He also discussed his financial review proposal. Supervisor Farrell stated that he is doing this on a volunteer basis; and he will also seek volunteers from the banking community (and others too) to assist with his review. While he does not expect any compensation, he is requesting to be reimbursed for the Dun & Bradstreet report(s). His goal is to make a recommendation at the next County Board meeting.

Supervisor Winter asked Russ Berg if other counties have done this. He responded that he did not believe so. Supervisor Wilson advocated for including Russ Berg in this process. Russ Berg offered to help answer any industry-related questions.

Supervisor Sutterlin advocated for keeping cellular towers included in the proposal.

Supervisor Winter asked if this financial review will help those that are not in support of this project. Supervisor Zoril stated that this will help provide information that would make moving forward possible.

Supervisor Farrell stated that he does not believe a business plan is necessary; the financial review should be sufficient.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to approve the financial review proposal from Supervisor Farrell with assistance from Russell Berg, second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: Joint meeting with Finance Committee at 4:30 P.M. on June 23 in the Jury Deliberation Room

Supervisor Winter inquired whether Supervisor Zoril needed any additional information to be comfortable voting on the resolution after the financial review is presented. Supervisor Zoril responded that there are some additional questions that he has on legal and financial matters.

Adjournment: Supervisor Wilson moved to adjourn at 4:40 P.M., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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