



Minutes - July 6, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid meeting of the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on July 6 in Conference Room N1.

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

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Steve Platteter, Arrowhead Public Library; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Andrew Baker, Director of Land Conservation, Planning and Development; Dara Mosely, Information Technology Deputy Director; James Otterstein, Economic Development Manager; Kayne Cushman, IT Infrastructure.

Others Present: Supervisors Crary and Zoril; Ray Gorsline, City of Beloit; Wyatt Ditzler, Beloit Public Library; Mitch Olson, Bug Tussel; Mike Sindahl; Ted Wilder, Beloit College; Russ Berg, Nokomis Networking; Gordy LaChance, City of Janesville; Sheryl Hengeveld.

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

June 7, 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the June 7, 2022 minutes, second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

June 14, 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the June 14, 2022 minutes, second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Status of Janesville - Beloit Area Broadband Connection (CAN - LIKE Community Access Network): Russell Berg highlighted the email that was included regarding information on the CAN. He stated that building and designing a CAN can be a large task.

Randy let the committee know that they had a meeting of CAN participants. This was attended by municipal, library, and county representatives. Ray Gorsline provided additional information on the history and intention of this project from the City of Beloit's perspective. Gordy LaChance, City of Janesville, added that a lot of work has been done, but there is still a lot to get this up-and-running.

Randy highlighted the attachments (1-5) in the packet and asked Mitch Olson, Bug Tussel, to explain attachment 5.

Final Resolution Regarding Unconditional Guaranty of Its Pro Rata Share, Intergovernmental Agreement and Taxable Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussell 1, LLC Project: Rich Greenlee and staff are working on this.

Review of Bug Tussel Wireless Agreements - Documents: Randy provided a handout regarding the documents for the bonding resolution.

Review of Updated Project Budget : Randy provided a handout of the updated project budget.

Establishing the Broadband Project Budget and Amending the 2022 Budget: Randy provided a handout of the resolution. This would go to the County Board for consideration on July 14.

Mitch suggested adding in some details for the issuance cost since there are multiple pieces that make up this item. Adding in "approximately" to the total project expense as well. He also discussed an updated balance sheet.

Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the resolution with the 5D1 of bonding and ARPA breakout including \$2 million of capitalized interest, second by Supervisor Wilson.

YES - Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver, Sweeney, Wilson, Sutterlin, Winter.
NO - Supervisor Bostwick

ADOPTED.

Nokomis Networking - Russ Berg:

Current Market Assessment: No update.

County Needs/Wants: No update.

Technology Options: No update.

Funding Options: No update.

Partnerships: No update.

Intergovernmental Activities: Supervisor Sweeney inquired whether it is possible for the Cities of Janesville and Beloit to apply for a PSC grant. Gordy LaChance, Janesville, stated that the grant requires them to show underserved areas, but there are no underserved areas in Janesville. Randy added that additional grants will be available and they hope to capitalize on those to continue with the progress on this project.

Status of County Webpage Development: There is a Broadband page under the Residents section on our webpage.

Discussion of Next Steps: Randy will be sending out information that was shared today with all Supervisors. This information will also be in the agenda packet. There will be a report on broadband at the July 14 County Board meeting. Chair Bostwick suggested mailing out hard copies of the agenda packet.

Next meeting date and time: Joint meeting with Finance Committee at 4:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 5:20 P.M., second by Supervisor Wilson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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