



Minutes - January 19, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the (virtual hybrid) meeting of the Ad Hoc Broadband Committee to order at 4:01 P.M.

Committee Members Present via phone: Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver, Wilson, Davis, Richard Bostwick, Homan, and Sweeney.

Committee Members Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Russell Berg, Nokomis Networking; Gordy LaChance, City of Janesville Information Technology Manager; Mitch Olson, Bug Tussel; Adam Raschka, Charter; Celeste Flynn, Charter; Tim Tollefson, Town of Harmony; Ray Gorsline, City of Beloit Director of Information Technology; and Jim Ferrell, citizen.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:
None.

Approval of Minutes:

December 22, 2021 : Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the December 22, 2021 minutes as presented, second by Supervisor Homan. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Promoting Regional Economic Development (MadREP) Assessment/Inventory Study: James Otterstein updated the committee on the MadREP speed test. He added that the number of tests conducted and test locations have increased. As of today, there have been 208 test locations and 285 total tests. He advised the committee to continue to encourage participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) – Conferring with legal counsel to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds, or conducting of other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session - Charter Communications Non-RDOF Presentation – Celeste Flynn, Charter Communications: Supervisor Sweeney moved

to enter into executive session at 4:16 P.M., second by Supervisor Davis. YES - Supervisors Beaver, Wilson, Homan, Sweeney, Davis, Mawhinney, and Bostwick. NO - None. Absent - None.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to exit executive session at 5:07 P.M., second by Supervisor Homan. ADOPTED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) – Conferring with legal counsel to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds, or conducting of other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session - Bug Tussel Wireless:

Supervisor Sweeney moved to enter into executive session at 5:08 P.M., second by Supervisor Homan. YES - Supervisors Beaver, Wilson, Homan, Sweeney, Davis, Mawhinney, and Bostwick. NO - None. Absent - None.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to exit executive session at 6:10 P.M., second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED.

Nokomis Networking – Russell Berg:

Current Market Assessment: James Otterstein reached out to utility companies and school districts to help promote the speed test assessment.

County Needs/Wants (IT Wishlist): No update.

Technology Options – Current/Future: No update.

Partnerships: There is another broadband provider that would like to work with Rock County.

Funding Options.: No updates.

Intergovernmental Activities:

Towns Association Update – Harmony Town Clerk, Tim Tollefson: No update.

Other: No update.

Discussion on Next Steps: No updates.

Next meeting date and time: February 15, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Homan motioned to adjourn at 6:19 P.M., second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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