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RURAL BROADBAND SUBCOMMITTEE

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MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Auditorium, Central Library
515 Pine Street, Green Bay, WI

SEE BELOW FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO VIRTUALLY ATTEND AND/OR PUBLICLY COMMENT AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Section 19.85 and 59.094, Wis. Stats., notice is hereby given to the public that an In-Person/Virtual Meeting of the RURAL BROADBAND SUBCOMMITTEE will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The Public may **Access** this Rural Broadband Subcommittee Meeting by:

1) Physically Going (in-person) to the Brown County Central Library located at the above address (to watch and listen to the meeting).
2) Calling 1-415-655-0003; Entering the following Event Number: 161 594 4107 and pressing #. Then, when asked for Attendee ID, Pressing # again (to listen to the meeting); or
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2) Emailing their Public Comments to the following email address: publiccomment@browncountywi.gov. **All Public Comments must include the following:** **a)** Full Name of Commenter; **b)** City, Village, Town or other Locality, and State that the Commenter Resides in; **c)** What Issue the Commenter desires to Comment on; and **d)** Whether the Commenter is or is not a Lobbyist Registered with the State of Wisconsin, or Registered with any Municipality within Brown County, and if so, the name of the Entity or Organization that the Commenter is Lobbying on behalf of.
3) Mailing their Public Comments, which must comply with the above four **a) to d)** requirements, to the following address: Brown County Board Office, P.O. Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600. Compliant Public Comments received by email or mail on or before 11:59 pm the day prior to the Virtual Meeting will be electronically forwarded to Board Supervisors on the morning of the Virtual Meeting; or

County Board Supervisors may attend this Rural Broadband Subcommittee Meeting by:

1) Physically Going (in-person) to the Brown County Central Library located at the above address.
2) Utilizing WebEx via their County Issued Laptop and County Issued Headset, as instructed at Virtual Training Sessions (this provides two-way Audio and Video Access). PLEASE LOG IN 15 MINUTES EARLY! NOTE: County Board Supervisors may Virtually Attend this meeting in any location they desire that has sufficient internet access.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

1. Call to Order.
2. Approve/Modify Agenda.
3. Approve minutes of April 21, 2021.
4. Communication from Michael Strazishar regarding broadband coverage in the eastern quarter of the county.
5. Update on federal rules for spending on broadband.
6. Discussion of broadband proposals.
7. Set next meeting date and time.
8. Adjournment.

Richard Schadewald, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
RURAL BROADBAND SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County **Rural Broadband Subcommittee** was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Resch Expo, 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin and Virtually.

Members Present:	County Board Supervisor Richard Schadewald, County Board Supervisor James Murphy, Tom Kempen, Alex Van Dyck, Michael Moran
Excused:	Duane Oudenhoven
Others Present:	August Neverman, James Massie, several Telecom representatives, Town of Rockland representatives

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1. **Called to Order.**

   The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Rick Schadewald at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Approve/modify agenda.**

   Motion by Alex Van Dyck, seconded by Supervisor Murphy to approve agenda. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/modify minutes of previous meeting.**

   Motion by Michael Moran, second by Tom Kempen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Discussion regarding Fiber Optic Connection to 911 towers.**

   Discussion ensued.

5. **Discussion with interested parties about future broadband expansion in Brown County.**

   Discussion ensued.

6. **Adjournment.**

   Motion by Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Alex Van Dyke to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

   Respectfully submitted,

   Rick Schadewald, Chairman

Loehlein, Alicia A.

To: BC.Public.Comment
Subject: RE: Rural Broadband

From: Michael Strazishar <mtstrazi@gmail.com>
Subject: Rural Broadband

Hello Rural Broadband Subcommittee -

I first discovered this subcommittee's existence on Monday (4/19), but have been frustrated with my available internet service for years. I was able to only listen to the meeting on the same day, otherwise I would have chimed in with my concerns.

From what I heard, there is a lot of great work starting and funding coming available to expand broadband coverage in Brown County. However, I heard no mention (in that meeting at least) of my chunk of the county, which is the eastern quarter or so of the county by land area. To picture it, draw a line basically straight north from the intersection of County NN and Cooperstown Rd all the way north until the line hits the bay at Point Sable. I heard no discussion of the large portion of the county east of this line on Monday (which is again the only meeting I've listened to). If I had the chance, I probably would have brought this up specifically with the Charter team because their high speed offerings (range of 100 to 940 MBps) end literally a half mile down the road from my house. The federal funding discussed (RDOF) completely forgets this area, covering only areas west of it. It's incredibly frustrating to know that internet of those speeds is available so close to my house, and yet so far. On top of this, my current provider (CenturyLink) charges about the same for max 10 download as Charter charges for 100 download!

I would love to know anything I could do to get Charter to extend further into neighborhoods like mine. The current alternative solution that I'm honestly considering is to sell my house and move. Please let me know if there's anything I can do. Also, I would love to hear about any discussions about this area of the county I may have missed in other meetings.

Thanks,

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Issue: Brown County Rural Broadband
*Not a Registered Lobbyist