

GREEN COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Broadband Ad Hoc Committee

DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2021

TIME: 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Green County Historic Courthouse
County Boardroom
1016 16th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566

Members Present

Ryan Camron
Jody Hoesly
Cara Carper
Kathy Pennington
Rob Sommers
Bill Peterson
Bill Trow
Jane Curran-Meuli

Others Present

Steve Engles

Meeting was called to order by Camron, chair.

Motion by Carper, second by Sommers to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Discussion took place on the definition of broadband for purposes of Green County's guidance policy. It was felt that the FCC definition of 25/3 Mbps should be referenced. 25/3 would be referenced as an initial goal, with future goals to be determined at future meeting(s).

Discussion took place on the definition of affordability. The average minimum across Wisconsin counties was determined to be a number of interest. Also of interest is the resources available to low-income peoples, possible reimbursement opportunities.

Discussion took place on the map resources currently available that quantify access statewide. It was felt that in some regards the maps are insufficient in summarizing the status of broadband in Green County.

Other topics discussed; concerns about data-capping, over-subscription, the need to set some guidance criteria based on specific technology/infrastructure type, the need to assess existing grants and their associated timelines, the usefulness of surveying Green County residents regarding download/upload speeds, and the creation of a separate "Broadband" page on the county website to post links to resources.

Motion by Peterson, second by Engles to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote.