

Kenosha County Broadband Advisory Committee June 22, 2023, meeting minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Holloway, Supervisor Brian Bashaw, Susan Crane, Margaret Hefner, Randy Kerkman, Kevin Meagher, Jason Peters (via Teams), Kris Keckler, Christine Anderson (via Teams), Jack Musha, Mike Ulicki

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: Shelly Billingsley, Matt Collins, Doug Coeur, Shawn Smith, Scott Schutze, Angie Becker, Patty Merrill, Joe Potente

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marty McGinley, Jeff Robshaw, Jim Zehner

MEETING LOCATION: Kenosha County Center, Conference Room A

1: Call to Order: Acting chairman John Holloway called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2: Public Comments: There were no public comments offered.

3: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Margaret Hefner noted a typo in Item 7 of the April 13 meeting minutes. Motion made by Margaret, seconded by Susan Crane, to approve the April 13 minutes with that correction. Motion carried — all voted aye.

4: Elect Chair and Vice Chair: Randy Kerkman nominated John Holloway to serve as committee Chair. Motion seconded by Susan Crane. No further nominations brought forward. Motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot made by Randy Kerkman and seconded by Susan Crane. Motion carried — all voted aye.

Randy Kerkman nominated Supervisor Brian Bashaw to serve as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Susan Crane. No further nominations brought forward. Motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot made by Susan Crane and seconded by Randy Kerkman. Motion carried — all voted aye.

5: Discussion of Possible Use of ARPA Funds for County Parks Wi-Fi Access: Parks Director Matt Collins, CIO Shawn Smith and IT Infrastructure Manager Angie Becker presented proposals for broadband/Wi-Fi enhancements at Kemper Center, Old Settlers Park, and Silver Lake Park. After discussions among committee members and county staff, Supervisor Bashaw made a motion to recommend to the County Executive to apply dedicated ARPA funds for the Kemper Center project, with the other projects needing further discussion. Motion seconded by Susan Crane. After further discussion, Supervisor Bashaw withdrew the motion on the floor. Susan Crane moved to table this item pending additional information to be presented at the

committee's next meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bashaw. Motion carried — all voted aye.

6: Discuss Formation of Working Groups: Committee members discussed various areas of interest that committee workgroups could discuss. Chairman Holloway said he would ask committee members to identify areas where they would like to serve by the committee's next meeting.

7: Establish Regular Meeting Time to Move Forward: Committee members agreed to hold standing meetings on the second Thursday of each month going forward. Meetings will be scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m., using KCC Conference Room A as the standing location unless a move into the larger Hearing Room is deemed necessary.

8: Comments from Committee Members About Future Presentations/Agenda Items: Susan Crane asked staff to try to identify opportunities to connect other communities with broadband in the process of adding service to parks locations. Shawn Smith suggested inviting internet service providers to future meetings to give presentations and take questions about their efforts in the area. Presentations on BadgerNet and WiscNet were also suggested.

9: Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Susan Crane. Motion carried — all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Potente, Kenosha County Communications Manager