

*County of Buffalo*  
*Alma, Wisconsin*  
***Notice of Public Meeting***

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**AGENDA**

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**Committee:** Broadband Committee- A Sub-Committee of Economic Development  
**Date:** Wednesday May 5, 2021  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Board Room  
Buffalo County Courthouse  
407 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Alma, Wisconsin 54610  
**Remote Access:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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The meeting is open to the public. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting, but deviation from the order shown may occur:

1. Call to Order
2. Public comment regarding any matters that will be taken up by the Committee at this meeting.
3. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Town of Cross, Broadband -Update-
5. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Town of Mondovi, Broadband -Update-
6. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Future Funding from Public Services Commission
7. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Industry Update
  - a. Update: Starlink ~ (May County Board Meeting)
8. Review/Discussion/Action ~ New Business
9. Review/Discussion ~ Committee Chair Report
10. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time
11. Public Comment Not Related to Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

Date: April 28, 2021

Chair: Brad Schmidtkecht.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen S. Schiffli, Manager, Economic Devel.

**Board Members:** If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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**Public Access to the Courthouse:** The South Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

*Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.*

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Broadband Subcommittee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021

Chair Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse County Board Room in Alma, Wisconsin, and TEAMS.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger (TEAMS), Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht, Gina Tomlinson, Carl Duley (TEAMS), Kevin Berich, Larry Jost, Christy Berger.

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Mr. Steve Schiffli, Sonya Hansen (TEAMS), Jane Hentges, Jim Hentges, Barry Drazkowski, Karen Settler, Kevin Berich.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** There were no public comments.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A correction was noted INTEC needs to be adjusted to read NTEC. A motion was made, with correction, by Max Weiss to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021 seconded by Larry Jost. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Town of Cross, Broadband Presentation –** Members of the Town of Cross Broadband Committee presented to the Buffalo County Broadband Subcommittee a very well-organized broadband project summery for the Town of Cross. A discussion was held on a favorable town survey, grant submissions and providers.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jost and seconded by Mr. Danzinger to bring forward to the Economic Development Committee, the subcommittees backing for the issuance of a letter of support for \$100K to the Town of Cross for their broadband Project. A roll call vote was taken, all approved, Carried.

Mr. Schiffli provided Mrs. Hentges a copy of Resolution 17-12-06, Broadband Award Policy.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Industry Update –** Mr. Schiffli present information on the Starlink pilot project in Eau Claire County. Mr. Schmidtkecht updated the committee on Bug Tussles expansion in the county, Christy Berger present on NTEC, and Gina Tomlinson presented for CTC.

**Review/Discussion ~ New Business –** Gov. Evers declared 2021 “The Year of Broadband Access”. A discussion was held.

**Review/Discussion ~ Chairperson Report –** Mr. Schmidtkecht had no further comment.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time.** May 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on the Agenda the Town of Cross Request for Fiscal Support, Broadband Expansion.

Motion by Mr. Jost to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen S. Schiffli, Economic Development Manager