

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2019  
TIME: 2:30 P.M.  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tallier called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gretzinger, Tallier, & Tauer

Absent:

Others present: Nora Matuszewski, Chris Stark, Carol Tallier, Paul Oberle (Northwoods Connect), & Steve Kircher

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the agenda, second by Tauer. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 30, 2019 MEETING

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2019 meeting, second by Tauer. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

### DISCUSSION WITH MARK FERRIS ON BROADBAND AND NEXT STEPS FOR OBTAINING A PROVIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION

#### a) Discussion on obtaining a provider and request for proposal

Ferris was not present for the meeting; he sent a memo on everything that has happened so far with the project. Stark was available to answer any questions as well as Oberle from Northwoods Connect. Tallier asked if the school districts were included in the entities willing to help contribute to the Broadband expansion. It was explained that they were not. There was discussion about RFP's and if they were obtained. It was explained that the person from Northwoods Connect who is writing the grant was the group that would be doing the project and that other companies were contacted and they did not show interest. Corporation Counsel will be looking at the exceptions for RFP's for this project and will find out if it needs to be bid out. Northwoods Connect explained that they would spend \$50,000 writing this grant and would not do it if they thought they were not going to get the project.

#### b) How many Forest County Governments and who is out?

There are 14 towns and 1 city and the two tribes that are interested in the Broadband.

#### c) Ad-Hoc committee must follow open meeting rules

The Ad-Hoc committee has been following open meeting rules since the County became involved in the project in late September.

d) Long Range plane of operation?

The grant has to be submitted by December 18, 2019. It will be February before everything has to be completed, which will include the loan.

e) Is there a grant proposal being written and who is to sign it?

Motion by Gretzinger, to approve the grant application for Broadband Services throughout Forest County, second by Tauer. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Tauer to designate Chairman Tallier to sign the Grant application, second by Gretzinger. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION WITH PAUL PAYANT AND MARK FERRIS ON DRAFTING MOU'S WITH THE ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE BROADBAND AND POSSIBLE ACTION

No action

#### SET NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, & PLACE

Next meeting date is already set with the Potawatomi Council on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1:00 p.m. at the Executive Council Building.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Tauer to adjourn meeting, second by Gretzinger. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.