

Minutes of Executive Committee August 3, 2020

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Appearances: Chair Dan Olson, Gary Paape, Kim Kroll, Chuck Wagner, Scott Jahnke, Tom Romdenne, John Mastalir, Virginia Haske.

Aaron Augustian excused.

Other: Jason Wied from Bug Tussel. Corporation Counsel Jeffrey R. Wisnicky

Meeting appeared live via ZOOM/YouTube.

Chair Olson called meeting to Order.

Sup. Wagner moved to approve the agenda, second by Sup. Paape. Motion carried unanimously.

Sup. Mastalir moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, second by Sup. Kroll. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment to offer.

Administrator's report. Administrator Feldt provided a personnel report in the meeting materials. Jeffrey R. Wisnicky briefly summarized the personnel matters contained in the report.

Broadband grant agreement with Bug Tussel. Wisnicky explained that PSC will be contracting directly with Bug Tussel for the Broadband grant and Kewaunee County will enter a contract with Bug Tussel for the loan Agreement between Kewaunee County and Bug Tussel. Wisnicky and Wied answered questions from the committee on the contractual arrangement.

Wied explained that Bug Tussel is committed to moving forward with the plan approved by PSC to construct seven towers. Wied further explained that Bug Tussel is exploring a potential amendment where Bug Tussel would build six towers and co-locate equipment on additional towers. This is only a potential amendment and would require PSC and Kewaunee County approval at a later date.

Wied did provide a working tower map (enclosed) that contains the original proposal as well as some alternatives.

Wied provided a timeline that could see towers up and running by early 2021 or spring of 2021. Bug Tussel is actively identifying locations and contacting landowners.

Wied indicated Towers have a range of 4 miles, but in many cases the range can be 5 miles.

Further questions and answers from the Committee on the broadband project and the agreement.

For the purposes of the August meeting, the Board is considering whether to approve the original plan to build seven towers and the loan to Bug Tussel.

Motion by Sup. Wagner and second by Sup. Romdenne to recommend approval of the Broadband Agreement and project to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Olson reports that the Public Safety Facility Committee will sift through the Jail Studies and will make a viable recommendation to the Board for consideration.

Chair Olson reports that the August County Board meeting will be at the Fairgrounds.

The Committee set the next committee dates: September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM and October 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Sup. Wagner and second by Kroll to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously. Adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Minutes taken by Jeffrey R. Wisnicky

Map with proposed countywide sites

