



Kewaunee County  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES**

July 5, 2021 6:00 p.m., County Board Room  
County Administration Building 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee

**Call to Order:** Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Members Present – Dan Olson, Gary Paape, Chuck Wagner, Tom Romdenne, John Mastalir, Scott Johnke, Virginia Haske, Aaron Augustian, Kim Kroll. Others Present – Scott Feldt.

**Approve July 5, 2021 Agenda:** Wagner moved and Augustian seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approve June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Paape moved and Jahnke seconded to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Administrator's Report**

**Personnel Report:** Feldt provided a summary of the personnel report. No questions.

**Approve Submission of Broadband Expansion Grant Application:** Feldt reported to the committee about potential broadband projects that could require a broadband grant application. Feldt indicated that Bug Tussel will be looking to submit another broadband grant application to complete the second half of the "middle mile" project that brings fiber optic cable to the wireless towers located in the County. Feldt also informed the committee of a proposal brought forth by Charter to install fiber to the home in all of the unserved areas of the county. Feldt provided maps to identify the unserved areas in the county. Charter has stated that they can provide speeds of 1 gigabit upload speed and 500 megabit download speed. Feldt and Olson reported that they had met with Charter and their proposal is interesting. Charter said they would provide cost information to the county. Feldt explained that he informed Bug Tussel of the meeting with Charter. Bug Tussel indicated that they are not opposed to the proposal by Charter as their project is a "middle mile" project and Charter's is a "last mile" project. Bug Tussel would be open to partnering with Charter. Bug Tussel did request that if an agreement is reached with Charter for a project that the financial terms are the same as the terms with Bug Tussel so there is no favoritism. Wagner asked about the completion date for the Charter proposal. Feldt stated that Charter indicated that the project would be completed within three years. Romdenne asked if Charter would be installing all of the network involved to provide fiber to the home. Feldt answered that Charter could partner with providers that already have fiber cable installed within the county. If none exists or Charter prefers, they would install all of the fiber optic cable. Feldt recommended that the county support both broadband projects as more competition is better for the county. Therefore, there may be two resolutions for approval at the July County Board meeting.



**Resolution to Rescind Emergency Orders:** Feldt explained to the committee that it has been over a year since the county enacted a public health emergency and subsequent emergency orders. With the distribution of vaccines and the threat of the virus diminishing, the need for continuing the public health emergency and emergency orders is not needed. Kroll moved and Haske seconded to rescind the public health emergency and emergency orders. Motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:** Chair Olson indicated that he will attempt to attend more committee meetings. Olson also informed the committee of the meeting that took place between Venture Architects and the County to try and keep the jail project moving forward. The meeting was productive and another meeting is scheduled for July 19 to further discuss facility floor plans. Venture will be paid for its time and the cost would be rolled into the total cost of Phase 3.

**Next Meeting:** Wagner moved and Kroll seconded to schedule the meeting for August 2, 2021. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Paape moved and Wagner seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.