



Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force
Established by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

Working to Achieve Countywide Broadband Equity by 2022



VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

- I. Call to Order | Introductions / Roll Call
Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 am
Present:

Barb Fuller	Chair of the Broadband Task Force/Sharon Township
Ben Fineman	Vice-Chair of the Broadband Task Force
Shannon Beeman	Commissioner, District 3
Kyle Mazurek	Comcast
Diane O’Connell	Ann Arbor Township
Belynda Domas	Augusta Township
Don Stein	Bridgewater Township
Karen Nolte	Dexter Township
Valisa Bristle	Freedom Township
Gary Munce	Lyndon Township
Lisa Moutinho	Manchester Township
Gary Pirkola	Saline Township
Alec Jerome	Scio Township
Amanda Nimke Ballard	Sylvan Township

Members of the Public:
Patrick Zieske, Justin Henzie, Eliot Carter, John Scharf, Shelly Vrsek, Karen Woolams, Chris Scharrer, Aimee Osinski, Dan Munzel

- II. Approval of the Agenda
Motion – Munce, supported by Bristle
Unanimous approval
Agenda approved as presented

- III. Approval of April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Motion – Stein, supported by Jerome
Unanimous approval
Minutes of April 15,2021 approved as presented

- IV. Updates
A. RFP for Broadband Gap Filling
-Ben updated the group on the RFP – will be issued on Sunday, May 23, can be found on County’s Purchasing [webpage](#). deadline for submissions is 4pm on June 4
-The RFP is asking for public/private partnerships to fill gaps not covered with RDOF
-Awards can be made on a per-township basis

- Review process and awards will be determined/announced at a later date, this group will be presented with information and asked to offer feedback
- Decision needs to be routed through the Board of Commissioners as a request for American Rescue Act funding is forthcoming.

V. Action Items

A. Resolutions supporting use of American Rescue Act dollars
For high-speed broadband expansion

-Barb brought to the attention of the group a resolution for the Board of Commissioners to allocate American Rescue Act funding to close the broadband gap in Washtenaw County. Please consider asking your township board to pass and then forward to Lisa and the County Clerk

-The Board of Commissioners is establishing a process for public participation on the utilization of ARP funding – will keep this group informed.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Township Updates

Gary Munce asked townships to be thinking about how to help their residents fully utilize their access to broadband – when they are connected. What do they need?

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Jerome, supported by Munce

Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 am

NEXT MEETING: June 17, 2021 @ 8:00-9:00AM – Zoom format