

**Jefferson County Broadband Committee Meeting**  
**Via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday September 29, 2021 3:00 PM**

**Members Present – Sandy McDonald, Stephanie Grove, Russell Burgess, Jane Tabb**

**Others Present – David Deamer, Rachel Snavely, Keith McIntosh, Jamie Hoffman, Matthew Plaster, Steven Allen, Elizabeth Ricketts, Patti Mulkeen-Corley**

- 1. Welcome; Roll call**
- 2. Call to order**
  - a. Stephanie Grove called the meeting to order
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Jane Tabb motion to approve agenda; Sandy McDonald second
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Stephanie Grove motion to approve minutes; Russell Burgess second
- 5. Update from WV Broadband Enhancement Council**
  - a. Keith McIntosh provided resources on broadband funding
    - i. BroadbandUSA page through the NTIA highlights all federal funding for broadband
    - ii. Provides resources available to local governments and shows programs for infrastructure deployments
    - iii. His office will provide a letter of support for broadband deployment
  - b. Rachel Snavely asked if ARP funds can be used as a match and how will the RDOF census blocks impact the current funding sources?
  - c. Jamie Hoffman added that the US Treasury guidelines have been released and the RDOF census blocks are still being determined. The proposed WV GigReady program will potentially permit ARP funds to be used as a match.
  - d. Matthew Plaster added that no WV ISP has been awarded funding through the RDOF auction.
  - e. David Deamer gave a brief overview of the NTIA Infrastructure Program for \$288 that closed in August. There were 230 applicants with over \$2.5 Billion in requests.
- 6. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Programs – Jamie Hoffman**
  - a. Jamie Hoffman highlighted the WV ARP Capitol Projects Funding
    - i. Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD), Major Broadband Project Strategies (MBPS), and GigReady Incentive
    - ii. Treasury guidelines released last week for the funding
    - iii. Webinar for local governments on October 27 to outline the GigReady program
    - iv. According to the treasury guidelines, fixed wireless is not eligible
    - v. The WV Broadband Enhancement Council is mapping Unserved, Likely Unserved, Likely Served, Served address points.
    - vi. They have asked existing ISPs for network information and cable/fiber infrastructure to help better show the unserved regions of WV
    - vii. Planning on publishing better mapping in two weeks

