

**Jefferson County Broadband Committee Meeting**  
**Via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:00 PM**

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

**Others Present – David Deamer, Elizabeth Ricketts, Julie Philabaum, Andy Long, Cauline Shaw, Storm DiCostanzo, Anna Padilla, Tricia Jackson**

- 1. Welcome; Roll call**
  - a. Sandy McDonald welcomed
  
- 2. Call to order**
  - a. Sandy McDonald called the meeting to order
  
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Commissioner Tabb motion; Russell Burgess second
  
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Commissioner Tabb motion; Russell Burgess second
  
- 5. Update from WV Broadband Enhancement Council**
  - a. David Deamer - Nothing about the RDOF auction – We spoke with Matthew Plaster from Senator Capito office about how the delay in RDOF awardees is affecting citizens of WV.
  
- 6. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Programs – Jamie Hoffman**
  - a. David Deamer - Jamie not able to addend
    - i. GigReady – Technical Assistance for public/private partnership. Aprox. \$40 million for the program. January 31, 2021 deadline for application
    - ii. LEAD – Line extension for existing service providers
  - b. Russell Burgess – Asked about who would spearhead this application from Jefferson County?
  - c. David Deamer – Applicant would have to be local government, RPDCs or governmental affiliate with a partnership with a private ISP.
  
- 7. Shentel Glo Fiber – Charles Town/Ranson**
  - a. David Deamer - Over 4,000 homes and businesses in Charles Town and Ranson will benefit from Glo Fiber's high-speed data, streaming TV, and digital phone service. Shentel is very interested in meeting with the county to discuss their expansion into JC.
  - b. Commissioner Tabb – She expressed interest in being a point of contact for JC. Russell Burgess to send to Jane Tabb Shentel contact information.
  
- 8. New Towers in Jefferson County Discussion**

- a. David Deamer – Region 9 attended a meeting with the Deputy state auditor, and they stated that broadband towers are allowable for ARPA fiscal, but discouraged under the current interim final rule. If a tower was built before the final rule (December) it would be grandfathered in. Proposed speeds are 100/100 for projects.
- b. David Deamer – Middleway Fire Department Tower and Health Department Tower
- c. Russell Burgess – Current health department tower is not permissible for more equipment.
- d. David Deamer – Offered to send over mapping with unserved areas around each tower location.
- e. Russell Burgess – Talking with tower builders and gather more data.

**9. Shepherdstown Water Tank Update**

- a. Town council and water authority are allowing cellular and fixed wireless providers to equip the towers with equipment. Wireless network group managing the assets on the towers.

**10. Next steps and timeline / Implementation**

- a. David Deamer sending over mapping to Commissioner Tabb and Russell Burgess
- b. Russell Burgess sending Commissioner Tabb Shentel contact information.
- c. Follow-up with JC Commission, JCDA and Region 9 to determine who would be an applicant for the GigReady program

**11. Announcements/Old Business**

- a. None

**12. Citizen Comment**

- a. None

**13. Adjournment; next meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 3:00PM**