

Broadband Action Workgroup

December 15, 2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order: 4:05 by Chair Marsman

Roll Call: In addition to Marsman, the following answered the call: Storey, Cooper, Kotas, Siler, Williams, and Beltman. Others present: project manager Dunham and county staff members Sedore and Sarro.

Public Participation: no one sought to address the workgroup

Presentation: Jeff Moerschell and Devon Puruleski from 123NET shared a presentation detailing its goal to make "Allegan County the best connected county in the State of Michigan."

Communications: none

Minutes: November 3, 2022 were approved without objection.

Reports:

- **Administrator Sarro:** negotiations continue with 123NET with an emphasis on design of the build out. Contract discussions focused on some language areas. 123NET has a complete packet contract from county administration. Administrator is hopeful it can be executed by the end of the month.
- **Project Manager Dunham:** attended a web meeting with MIHI organization. Information on the results of the survey will be provided to county GIS. A link to a recording of the meeting will be posted on the county broadband page when available. The [new FCC Broadband Map](#) can be accessed at www.allegancounty.org/broadband under RESOURCES in the bottom left corner of the page. Residents can check the FCC maps to determine whether their address is listed and whether the services and speeds claimed to be offered are accurate. If it is incorrect, they should challenge the data. Kotas recommended townships do the checking. AT&T will hold a fiber launch party on December 19 from 2pm to 8pm at the Hopkins library.

Discussion:

Dunham and Marsman visited 123NET headquarters in Southfield, including the data center and fiber yard. Dunham suggested that the BAW and the Board of Commissioners visit the site and discussion ensued as to when to do that visit.

Dunham announce that members of the BAW that are not otherwise compensated are eligible for per diem and mileage effective January 1 as a result of action by the Board of Commissioners.

Action items: None

Adjournment: Moved by Williams, seconded by Marsman. Passed. 5:02 pm.