

**Public Utility Service**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Chambers/ Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**1:00 PM**

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by John Pinard at 1 P.M.

Committee Members Present: John Pinard, Joe Magliocca, Greg Reuter (zoom), Eve Ann Schwartz (zoom), Melissa During, and John Becker.

Others Present: Cameron Beck (ECC), Cindy Edick, Samantha Field, Scott Ingmire, Andy Lukasiewicz (ECC), Keith Lummis (zoom), Mark Scimone, and Gwen Williamson.

Motion by John Becker to Approve December 13, 2021 MCPLUS Committee minutes. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

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**Agenda Topics**

1. Broadband ReConnect Grant-Update and Background

Andy Lukasiewicz presented the update and background for the Broadband ReConnect Grant. The bid went out in June 2019 for the Fiber Optic and Coaxial Asset Field Inventory, followed by the Broadband Availability and Adoption Tool Survey Needs Assessment. This information was pivotal to applying for and being awarded the ReConnect Grant. A partnership was established with Empire Long Distance to work together on this project. Madison County will own the network while an agreement is in process for Empire to provide maintenance and service. There is expected revenue share to offset some of the costs.

2. ReConnect Network Engineer RFP

An RFP is in the process of being approved and released for a professional engineering firm. Ingmire reported that it has processed through the purchasing department and will be put out live today on the website.

Mark Scimone updated the committee on a potential new program for broadband in the NYS budget which if approved, may have a significant impact on the "right-of-way" costs.

Eve Ann Schwartz asked if the County could apply for Federal and

State funding for expanded areas while we are still working and finishing up this project. Andy replied that he would encourage it. He is confident that there will be money allocated for expansion areas. Mark will keep watching for info on the State as these things develop.

3. Empire Access Agreement Update

Andy Lukasiewicz is currently working on the Empire Access Agreement. He is responding to questions and expects to have his edits complete in the next couple of days.

**Resolutions:**

None

**Other Committee Business**

The grant closing documents are currently being worked on by Ingmire, Edick and Martel-Felton.

Shwartz asked for the committee to be able to view the Empire Access Agreement prior to it going out. Mark said yes, and there will be a summary.

**Preferred Agenda**

N/A

**Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled MCPLUS Committee meeting will be February 23, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. (via zoon or in person) in the Supervisors' Chambers.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Joe Magliocca to Adjourn. Second by Melissa During. The motion was Passed.

**Public Utility Service**  
**Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Schwartz at 9:37

Members Present : Schwartz (zoom), Jones (zoom, DiVeronica (zoom), and Magliocca.

Additional Present: Scott Ingmire, Samantha Field, Paul Lutwak, Mark Scimone and Gwen Williamson.

Motion to approve November 2021 minutes was made by DiVeronica and seconded by Jones passed at 9:38 A.M. 4/0/0

**OLD Business**

1. Status of ReConnect Project

Swartz identified two objectives: First to secure bank information from the bank for USDA, and second to formally have ECC on board.

2. Review Resolution to retain ECC to provide Engineering and Construction Management Services

Mark Scimone reported that ECC provided a proposal, there was conversation between ECC and Mark about it and the details were worked out. Mark noted appropriate wording will be included in the Scope of Services to prioritize that the engineer be tasked with items covered by the grant. ECC will provide consulting services and professional assistance with Empire Access Management, the RFP, and the engineering firm.

3. Update on Spectrum buildout costs for unserved residents

Swartz received a reply from Spectrum on what it might cost to extend lines out beyond the build-out, and the numbers were very high. This committee will focus on the broadband grant project and see how the funding goes. It was noted that NYS will be receiving money which may be available for future extensions or projects, yet to be determined.

**Resolutions:**

1. Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement ECC Technologies Inc (2021)

The Committee approved resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with ECC Technologies, Inc (2021) on a

motion by DiVeronica and seconded by Magliocca at 9:53 A.M.  
4/0/0

2. Authorizing the Modification of the 2022 Adopted County Budget (Municipal Utility)

The committee authorized the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget on a motion by Jones and seconded by Magliocca at 9:52 A.M. 4/0/0

3. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement ECC Technologies, Inc (2022)

The Committee approved resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with ECC Technologies, Inc (2022) on a motion by Magliocca and seconded by DiVeronica at 9:53 A.M.  
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### **Other Committee Business**

Rocco DiVeronica took a moment to state his support for this project. He said he was glad to have been a part of it and this committee. Members acknowledged Rocco's sentiments , thanked him for his input on the committee, and wished him well.

### **Preferred Agenda**

All previous motions to be on the preferred agenda.

### **Next Meeting:**

Consolidation of meeting dates is being considered for the new year. The next Madison County Public Utility Services meeting will be determined as part of that process.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jones and seconded by DiVeronica at 10:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson