

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: MHTC Broadband Grant Proposal

☒ Original

☐ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

Attached is the description of three separate grant applications that MHTC would like Iowa County to partner with them on. The total County match for all three projects is \$782,544.

Grant Application #1 - covers areas of Iowa County north of Barneveld with Fiber to the Home at 452 residences. Iowa County's contribution would be \$597,930.

Grant Application #2: Provides a fiber line on Highway K, south of Barneveld. This adds 69 locations with fiber to the home and 240 wireless locations from three (3) towers. County contribution is \$146,497.

Grant Application #3: This fiber extension provides services to 22 locations in the subdivision of Green Leaf Glen in Dodgeville Township. Iowa County's contribution would be \$38,117.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

Consider the attached proposal for significant investment into Iowa County, with a match covering 8.28% of the project cost.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list below:

Attached is a brief description of all three grant applications from MHTC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Iowa County would find our \$782,544 match to support this \$9,453,342.62 worth of broadband investment by utilizing the \$250,000 from the Broadband Fund and \$285,000 that is budgeted in the ARPA fund. This leaves \$247,544 unfunded.

Iowa County could do a budget amendment in order to take the remaining \$250,000 from the unspent ARPA funds that remain un-budgeted at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

STAFF PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? _____

COMPLETED BY: Larry Bierke

DEPT: County Administrator

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ☒ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM #

COMMITTEE ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 7-322

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE
THE DEPLOYMENT OF AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services, including for residential, commercial, and governmental use, provides enhanced educational possibilities, furthers workforce development opportunities, and stimulates economic development within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County's residents increasingly depend on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to improve their economic and financial position, to enhance their social networking capabilities, and to meet their basic consumer needs; and

WHEREAS, the County's businesses rely on their ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the County's ability to timely deliver cost-effective governmental services to its residents, including emergency medical services and law enforcement protection, is enhanced by its ability to access affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband; and

WHEREAS, the County, along with its residents and businesses, desire expanded access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services to effectively deliver basic services to its residents, to more fully engage in commerce, and to better compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the County's topography and population density has made it cost-prohibitive for private sector development of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result, many areas of the County have limited or no access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband services; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to develop and implement a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to residents and businesses throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, is an ISP with experience providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services to underserved and unserved communities throughout Wisconsin for commercial, governmental, and emergency response purposes; and

WHEREAS, MHTC is able to and desires to assist the County with the development of a plan to facilitate the deployment of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to work together for the mutual benefit of the County's residents, businesses, government, and emergency responders by jointly developing a plan to facilitate the provision of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or his designee, to enter into a Public-Private Partnership agreement, in accordance with Iowa County Policy 309, by executing a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), attached as **Exhibit A**, with MHTC expressing the Parties' desire and intent to develop a plan to construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure to facilitate the provision of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet services throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately enter into negotiations with MHTC to develop a comprehensive plan, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, setting forth all relevant aspects necessary for the parties to jointly, or in partnership, construct, develop, and deploy high-speed internet infrastructure throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs staff to immediately take steps to develop and prepare not later than March 17, 2022, a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar grant application, as appropriate, including all necessary agreements and other documentation, in partnership with MHTC, for anticipated joint submission to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin not later than March 17, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all plans, applications, and Agreements referenced herein shall not become effective unless and until each has received approval by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Iowa County's General Code of Ordinances and/or as otherwise required by law.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2022.

John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk
Iowa County

EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN AND MHTC ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made and entered into this 15th day of March, 2022, by and between IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN (the “County”), a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin with its principal office located at 222 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, 53533; and MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, a Wisconsin corporation certified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as an Alternative Telecommunications Utility to provide telecommunications service in Wisconsin with its principal office located at 305 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, 53533 (collectively, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service within its boundaries for the public purpose of supporting its residents’ desired quality of life and its businesses’ need to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the economic activity and public benefits likely to be generated by studying, analyzing, developing, and, ultimately, providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband services throughout the County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County has areas that are underserved or unserved by affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to expand its residents’ and businesses’ access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested to partner with MHTC, in accordance with Iowa County Policy 309, to establish a Public-Private Partnership agreement to produce and implement a plan that will result in the development and deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, MHTC is an ISP with experience providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband access to underserved and unserved communities throughout Wisconsin for commercial, governmental, and emergency response purposes; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend that the County, with MHTC as its private-sector partner, may develop and submit, not later than March 17, 2022, a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar application, to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (the “PSC”) in furtherance of the expansion of broadband service throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into negotiations with MHTC to develop and implement a plan to provide affordable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County (the “Broadband Expansion Plan”), subject only to those limitations under the County’s ordinances and Wisconsin and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that this MOU is merely a representation of the Parties' desire to develop, construct and provide broadband services throughout the County and does not constitute an authorization, express or otherwise, for the County to construct, own, or operate any facility for providing video service, telecommunications service, or broadband service, directly or indirectly, to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that the terms of this MOU may be subject to modification in order to assure compliance with the County's ordinances, state regulatory agencies' guidance and rules, and Wisconsin and federal law.

The Parties to this MOU acknowledge the foregoing recitals and agree to participate in and perform the following actions:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- I. Preliminary Agreement. This MOU is a preliminary agreement between the Parties and, unless expressly stated otherwise, is not intended to create a binding agreement to finance, provide, maintain, develop, construct, or otherwise obligate the Parties to build or operate a broadband network within the County.
- II. Parties' Support for the Project. Notwithstanding any law, rule, guidance, ordinance, or conflicting provision contained herein, the Parties do hereby express support for the provisions contained within this MOU. The Parties acknowledge that the Project may not materialize despite their best efforts.
- III. Good Faith Negotiations. The Parties agree to identify and pursue all reasonable alternatives to effect the intent of this MOU and, where possible, take affirmative steps to implement those alternatives. The Parties further agree to voluntarily comply with the provisions of this MOU and, upon approval of the Broadband Expansion Plan by both Parties' respective governing bodies, negotiate in good faith to finalize and adopt a Final Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement that is separate and distinct from this MOU and which authorizes the Parties to construct and operate an affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband network throughout the County.
- IV. Preliminary Costs. The Parties agree that unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing, each Party will be responsible for its own expenses incurred in furtherance of this MOU.
- V. Public Purpose. The Parties acknowledge that the expansion of broadband service throughout the County will provide a public benefit to the County, its residents, and its businesses. Accordingly, the Parties agree to cooperate with one another, and diligently undertake all reasonable actions and execute all reasonable efforts to secure funding to advance the Project.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

- VI. Preliminary Preparations. The Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to independently and collaboratively engage all stakeholders necessary to study, analyze, and execute the provisions of this MOU, including, but not limited to, the PSC, industry stakeholders, telecommunications providers, financial advisors, legal counsel, and other professionals, as necessary to realize the Project.
- VII. Broadband Expansion Grant Application. The Parties agree to work collaboratively to jointly prepare a complete Broadband Expansion Grant Application, or similar application, with the intent to submit the completed Broadband Expansion Grant Application (the "Application") to the PSC no later than March 17, 2022.
- VIII. Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan. The Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to develop a Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan, the purpose of which shall be to describe, locate, develop, and deploy reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband service throughout the County. The Parties agree to work together to jointly develop the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and the complete Application.
- IX. Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan Approval. After developing the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application, the Parties shall submit the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application to their respective governing bodies for consideration and approval.
- X. Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Should both Parties' respective governing bodies approve the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan and complete Application, the Parties shall submit the complete Application to the PSC. Should the PSC award the Parties' the requested grant amount, the Parties shall use reasonable efforts to negotiate the specific terms of the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan in a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Development, approval, and execution of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement shall be separate and distinct from this MOU and shall be subject to and conditioned upon successful negotiations between the Parties and approval by both Parties' respective governing bodies.
- XI. Costs. Parties acknowledge that all costs borne by the Parties in executing this MOU shall be the sole liability of the Party that incurred the costs, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- XII. Duration and Termination. The Parties are entitled to terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice to the other Party. Unless one or both Parties, or a court of law, terminates or invalidates this MOU, this MOU shall remain in full force and effect until the Parties' obligations described hereunder are completed.

- XIII. Non-Binding Effect. The Parties acknowledge that unless expressly stated otherwise, this MOU is not a binding agreement, and the obligations and rights of the Parties are yet to be negotiated and memorialized through the adoption of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. The Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement shall not become effective unless and until it is approved by both Parties' respective governing bodies.
- XIV. Disclaimer. The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not obligate either Party to provide, construct, finance, or develop a broadband network within the County or to execute a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. The Parties further acknowledge that the provisions of this MOU shall not be relied upon nor construed as an inducement for either party to take any action(s) or incur any costs not explicitly set forth by this MOU.
- XV. Representations and Warranties. The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not create a financial obligation between the Parties. The Parties further acknowledge that this MOU does not guarantee completion of the Broadband Expansion Plan or execution of a Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement. Nor does this MOU represent a financing guarantee between a potential lender and a potential buyer. Any financing terms referenced in this MOU shall become effective only upon the development and ratification of the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement by both Parties' respective governing bodies. The Parties acknowledge that the Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement is separate and distinct from this MOU.
- XVI. Confidentiality. Because of the competitive nature of the broadband industry, the County acknowledges that certain information MHTC provides to the County may be proprietary and, if specified as such, should be treated by the County as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties unless required by law.
- XVII. Amendments. This MOU may not be amended or modified, except in writing, by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- XVIII. Governing Law. This MOU is intended to be performed in the State of Wisconsin and shall be construed and enforced by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
- XIX. Counterparts. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which together shall be one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the execution of this MOU by the authority of their respective governing bodies and/or authorized signatory as an expression of the Parties' formal intent.

[Signature pages follow.]

IOWA COUNTY

The undersigned Iowa County officials have executed this Agreement pursuant to duly adopted Resolution No. _____ dated: _____, 2022.

John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Kristy K. Spurley, County Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)
COUNTY OF IOWA)

Personally came before me on _____, 2022, the above named _____, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge same.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires: _____

MHTC

Authorized Signatory

Date

Attest:

Notary Public

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)
COUNTY OF DANE)

Personally came before me on _____, 2022, the above named
_____, to me known to be the persons who executed the
foregoing instrument and acknowledge same.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My Commission expires: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 8-322

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT
FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has declared that the economic activity and public benefits likely to occur as a result of the development and deployment of a reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband network throughout Iowa County constitutes a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County, a certified Broadband Forward! Community, seeks to promote the development of high-speed broadband services to unserved and underserved areas within its boundaries and believes that cooperation with private-sector partners is necessary for the development of a county-wide broadband network that meets the needs of the County, its residents, and its businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, Iowa County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with MH Telecom, LLC, doing business as MHTC, establishing a public-private partnership ("PPP") to facilitate the deployment of affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service throughout Iowa County ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit A is the Preliminary Broadband Expansion Plan, which includes Grant Applications for three separate projects ("Grant Application Projects 1, 2, and 3") that MHTC and Iowa County staff have developed to further Iowa County's goal of improving broadband access throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Applications require that PPP partners make a commitment of matching funds for their proposed broadband projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU and in furtherance of the Grant Application Projects, MHTC, with Iowa County as its public partner, have been preparing grant applications to submit to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW"); and

WHEREAS, MHTC estimates that portion of Project 1 geographically located in Iowa County will cost \$7,972,400.00 ("Estimated Project Cost"). MHTC intends to request 75% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 1. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 2 will be \$1,220,810.00. MHTC intends to request 60% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 2. MHTC estimates that the Estimated Project Cost for Project 3 will be \$260,132.62. MHTC intends to request 50% of the Estimated Project Cost in its application to the Grant Program for Project 3. MHTC will fund, or obtain funding through partners, consumers, and matching funding, for the remaining funding for each project not covered by the Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County's commitment of matching funds to support the Grant Applications shall be realized as follows:

1. In the Grant Applications, Iowa County's share of the matching contribution will be in an amount not to exceed the following for the County:
 - a. Grant Application Project 1, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$597,930.00 towards the portion of the project geographically located within Iowa County;
 - b. Grant Application Project 2, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$146,497.00; and
 - c. Grant Application Project 3, if the project is awarded by the PSCW, Iowa County agrees to fund \$38,117.00.
2. Iowa County shall pay to MHTC the amount described above within 30 days of all the following conditions being met:
 - a. MHTC is awarded a grant for the Projects from the PSCW Grant Program;
 - b. MHTC completes construction of the Projects by the end of the 2025 calendar year; and
 - c. MHTC provides to the County a statement from a person authorized by MHTC to do so that the each Project, as installed, has been successfully tested, that the Project is capable of providing speeds of up to 1 gigabyte, and the Project is available to offer service to any and all locations in the Project area.
3. Iowa County and MHTC both agree to provide and share with each other, on a timely basis, the necessary reporting information required to justify and use, or be reimbursed by, the PSCW grant funding or any other funding source.
4. Additional terms and conditions between the parties will be included in a separate Broadband Expansion Plan Agreement, to be developed and executed after the successful awarding of the PSCW grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa County Administrator is hereby authorized to review, modify, and approve any further Grant Application revisions necessary to complete the Grant Applications so that they may be timely filed with the PSCW.

Respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2022.

John M. Meyers, Chairman
Iowa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

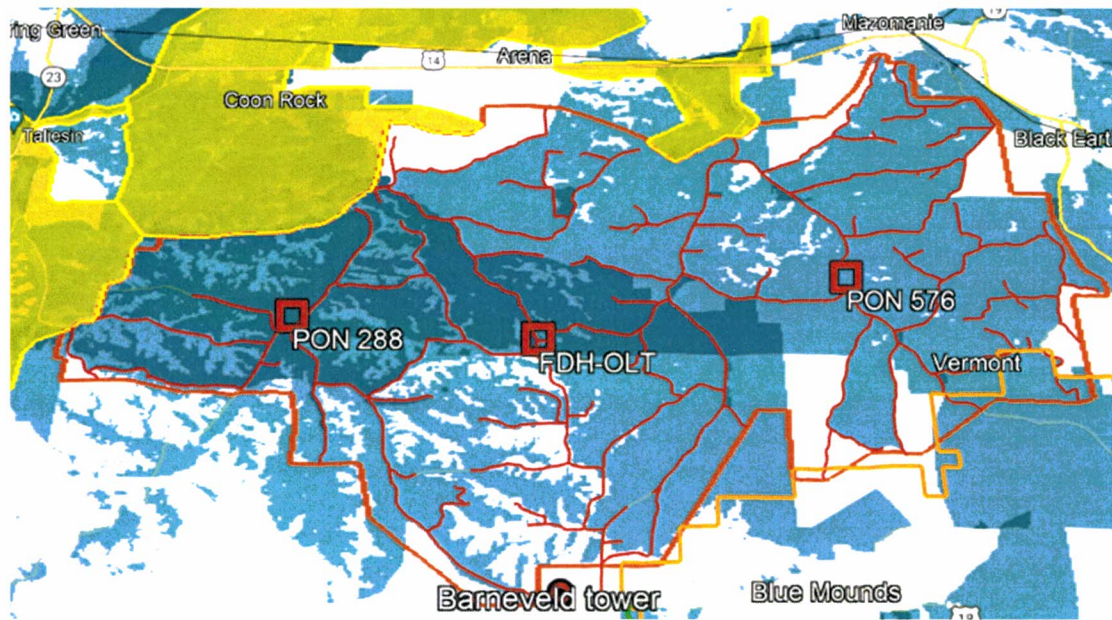
Kristy K. Spurley, Clerk
Iowa County

Exhibit A

Grant Application Project #1

The below map identifies unserved/underserved areas per PSC mapping:

- The dark blue shaded area is unserved territory
- The light blue shaded area is underserved territory
- The dark orange outline is the proposed grant area



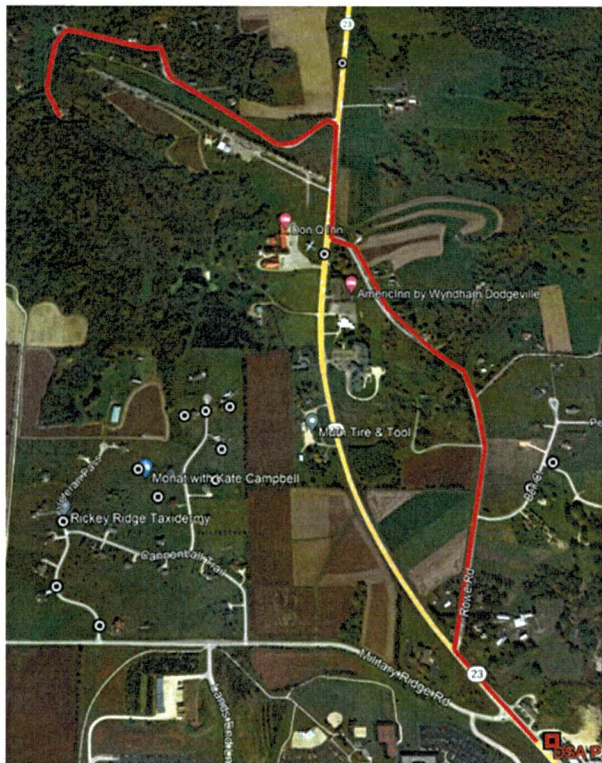
Grant Application Project #2

The map on the right identifies mainline fiber distribution for Hwy K South proposed grant area with fixed wireless towers

- The green line indicates the project mainline fiber route
- Fixed Wireless towers indicated with red circle
- You will notice that the majority of this area is considered served which MHTC is prepared to challenge



Grant Application Project #3



The map to the left indicates mainline fiber distribution for the proposed Green Leaf Glen project.

The map below indicates the area is considered served and MHTC is prepared to challenge this



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: Bug Tussel Fiber Installation Proposal

☒ Original

☐ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

At the August 2021 and the February 2022 Executive Committee meetings, the County heard a proposal from Bug Tussel to install a "fiber ring" in Iowa County. The funding for this ring would come from bonds issued by Fond du Lac County. If Iowa County is interested in pursuing this fiber expansion, Iowa County would need to be willing to commit to backing the revenue bonds issued by Fond du Lac County. Attached is a Resolution that would need to be approved in order to take the next step.

As a participating county, we would be agreeing to provide a limited guaranty to the Issuing County in support of Bug Tussel's bond payment. We would be given security in the fiber ring and compensated 40 basis points annually for participating.

A representative from Bug Tussel will be at the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

Review the attached documents. This agreement does use a portion of the County's legal debt limit. This financing model has risks, however many efforts are being undertaken to mitigate them. When reviewed in totality, the proposal appears to be a good deal for Iowa County.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list below:

Attached is a copy of the Initial Borrowing Resolution and a map of the proposed fiber loop.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Iowa County will earn 40 basis points on the debt guarantee, starting with approximately \$32,000 per year and decreasing as bonds are paid back.

There is also a potential financial cost. If the bond guarantee is in fact called upon, Iowa County would be responsible for reimbursing the a debt reserve fund for Iowa County's share of the bond payment.

Iowa County will receive a first mortgage on all land, buildings, and improvements located in Iowa County which are financed with the proceeds of these bonds.

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☒ Yes

☐ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

STAFF PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? _____

COMPLETED BY: Larry Bierke

DEPT: County Administrator

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED: ☒ Yes ☐ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM #

COMMITTEE ACTION:

IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 9-322

**INITIAL RESOLUTION APPROVING
REVENUE BOND FINANCING FOR BUG TUSSEL 1, LLC**

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To provide approval of an Initial Resolution of Iowa County to participate with other counties in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to which Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin will serve as the conduit bond issuer for Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel 1, LLC to finance a project for acquisition, construction and installation of certain telecommunications infrastructure, for the purpose of providing wireless internet and telephone communication services to businesses, governmental units and residents of rural communities where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive (the "Project"), which includes Project costs located in Iowa County in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes (the "Act") authorizes municipalities to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds to construct, equip, re-equip, acquire by gift, lease or purchase, install, reconstruct, rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, supplement, replace, maintain, repair, enlarge, extend or remodel industrial projects; and

WHEREAS, Bug Tussel 1, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company (the "Company"), and/or one or more of its affiliates (including, without limitation, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC, Hilbert Communications, LLC and Cloud 1, LLC), whether existing on the date hereof or to be formed and whether owned directly or indirectly by the Company, desires to finance a project consisting of the acquisition, construction and installation of certain telecommunications infrastructure that includes, among other things (i) acquisition of tower sites by purchase or lease of land and equipping such sites with towers and electronics to provide broadband, high speed cellular, emergency communications and point to point (P2P) data communications; (ii) constructing fiberoptic data transmission facilities (cable and electronics) between towers, key community facilities, businesses and residential aggregation points; (iii) where appropriate, connecting individual premises into the broadband network including the cost of Consumer Premise Equipment (CPE); (iv) payment of capitalized interest; (v) funding of a debt service reserve fund; (vi) payment of such project costs located in Iowa County in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000; and (vii) payment of professional fees (collectively, the "Project"), all of which will be for the purpose of providing wireless internet and telephone communications services to businesses, governmental units and residents of rural communities where such service is currently unavailable or is prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County, Wisconsin is a political subdivision of the State within whose boundaries a portion of the Project is located; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 66.1103 and 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes, individual counties or two or more counties, each a "Participating County", acting pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement may serve as the conduit issuer for such financing; and

WHEREAS, (i) the aggregate cost of the Project in Iowa County and the Participating Counties is presently estimated to be not greater than \$240,000,000, (ii) the aggregate amount of the Project proposed to be financed with one or more issues or series of tax-exempt or taxable revenue bonds does not exceed \$240,000,000 (the "Bonds") to be issued by Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin (the "Issuing County") acting pursuant to intergovernmental powers, and (iii) the portion of the Project located in Iowa County does not exceed \$10,500,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.1103(3)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that a municipality also may finance an industrial project which is located entirely outside the geographic limits of the municipality, but only if the revenue agreement for the project also relates to another project of the same eligible participant, part of which is located within the geographic limits of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Project includes necessary infrastructure for essential services by and for Iowa County and local units of government in Iowa County and is in furtherance of the public purposes set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is a multi-jurisdictional project which is located in multiple counties to be identified, and the Company has requested that each of the Participating Counties approve an initial resolution (the "Initial Resolution") providing for the financing of the Project in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$240,000,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, Fond du Lac County shall be the Issuing County of said revenue Bonds, and it shall be determined at a future date which county or counties shall be Participating Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing County has heretofore on December 16, 2021, issued the first tranche of conduit revenue bonds for a portion of the Project, in the aggregate amount of \$70,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that Iowa County and other Participating Counties who will directly benefit from the Project to each provide a limited guaranty to enhance the collateral position of the Company in an amount equal to the pro rata portion of the Project costs incurred and essential services benefits derived in such Participating County; and

WHEREAS, the Company will have the primary obligation to make all scheduled principal and interest payments when due on the Bonds, and Iowa County's Guaranty will apply only

in the event that the Company does not make the required payments due on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in return for Iowa County's Guaranty, Iowa County shall receive an annual guaranty fee of 40 basis points (0.40%) (based upon the amount of its Guaranty), and the Company will pay all costs to Iowa County and all expenses by Iowa County related to the bond issue; and

WHEREAS, as further security for its Guaranty, Iowa County shall receive a first mortgage on all land, buildings, and improvements of the Company located in Iowa County which are financed with proceeds of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Iowa County hereby approves that Fond du Lac County, as the Issuing County, acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, shall:

(a) Finance the Project in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$240,000,000 which includes Project costs located in Iowa County in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000; and

(b) Acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and among one or more Participating Counties, Fond du Lac County shall issue industrial development revenue bonds in one or more issues or series of tax-exempt or taxable bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$240,000,000 in order to finance costs of the Project located in the Participating Counties, pursuant to Section 66.1103(3)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

2. The aforesaid plan of financing contemplates, and is conditioned upon, the following:

(a) The Bonds shall be limited obligations of the Issuing County, acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, and are payable solely from revenues provided by the Company and are secured in part by the limited Guaranty of Iowa County;

(b) The Bonds shall never constitute an indebtedness of Iowa County, the Issuing County or the Participating Counties within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation;

(c) The Project shall be subject to property taxation in the same amount and to the same extent as though the Project were not financed with industrial development revenue bonds;

(d) The Company shall find a purchaser for all of the Bonds; and

(e) All out-of-pocket costs, including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by Iowa County in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds shall be paid by the Company, whether or not the Issuing County or another Participating County ultimately issues the Bonds; and

(f) Iowa County shall be paid an annual guaranty fee of 40 basis points (0.40%) (based upon the amount of Iowa County's Guaranty).

3. The aforesaid plan of financing shall not be legally binding upon Iowa County nor be finally implemented unless and until:

(a) The details and mechanics of the bond financing are authorized and approved by a further resolution of Fond du Lac County, as the Issuing County, by a vote of at least three-fourths of the members-elect (as defined in Section 59.001(2m) of the Wisconsin Statutes) of the Board of Supervisors. Such approval shall be solely within the discretion of the Issuing County, acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement and approval of the Board of Supervisors of the Issuing County;

(b) Said approval and Guaranty are further conditioned upon terms and conditions of one or more written agreements between Iowa County and the various parties involved, ensuring that all of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be administered by a duly appointed independent trustee, that the bond proceeds shall be used exclusively for the development of the Project and for no other purpose, and that the project funds shall be paid over to the Company by the trustee only as they become needed for completion of the Project;

(c) The County Clerk of Iowa County shall cause notice of adoption of this Initial Resolution, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in Iowa County, and the electors of Iowa County shall have been given the opportunity to petition for a referendum on the matter of the aforesaid bond issue, all as required by law;

(d) Either no such petition shall be timely filed or such petition shall have been filed and said referendum shall have approved the bond issue;

(e) The county clerks of Iowa County and the Participating Counties shall each have received an employment impact estimate issued under Section 238.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

(f) The Bonds shall be limited obligations of the Issuing County, acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement and are payable solely from revenues provided by the Company and secured in part by a limited guaranty of each Participating County;

(g) All Participating Counties have entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement and identified Fond du Lac County as the Issuing County;

(h) All Participating Counties shall approve their respective guaranties by a vote of at least three-fourths of the members-elect of their respective County Board of Supervisors; and

(i) All documents required to consummate the financing have been duly authorized and delivered.

4. Pursuant to the Act, all requirements that the Project be subject to the contracting requirements contained in Section 66.1103 are waived, the Company having represented that it is able to negotiate satisfactory arrangements for completing the Project and that Iowa County's interests are not prejudiced thereby.

5. The County Clerk of Iowa County is directed following adoption of this Initial Resolution (i) to publish notice of such adoption not less than one time in the official newspaper of Iowa County, such notice to be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and (ii) to file a copy of this Initial Resolution, together with a statement indicating the date the Notice to Electors was published, with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation within twenty (20) days following the date of publication of such notice.

6. This Initial Resolution is an "initial resolution" within the meaning of the Act and official action toward issuance of the Bonds. Furthermore, it is the reasonable expectation of Iowa County that proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse expenditures made on the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project on the date hereof is \$240,000,000.

7. Iowa County Officers and Corporation Counsel shall forthwith negotiate and confer with all interested parties, draft, edit, or approve and deliver the contracts or other documents necessary to carry out the provisions of this Initial Resolution; provided, however, that such Officers and Corporation Counsel shall present the same to the Board of Supervisors for the Board's final review, ratification, and approval of all of the specific terms and conditions contained in said documents prior to the issuance of the Bonds on behalf of the Company.

Recommended for adoption this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Adopted _____

Defeated _____ by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this

Tabled _____ day of _____, 2022.

County Board Chair

County Clerk

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of Iowa County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said County held in open session in accordance with the requirements of Subchapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes on _____, 2022.

IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County, Wisconsin ("Iowa County"), at a meeting held at the Iowa County Courthouse, 222 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on March 15, 2022, adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Resolution") pursuant to Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, expressing the intention to issue not to exceed \$240,000,000 of industrial development revenue bonds (the "Bonds") on behalf of Bug Tussel 1, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company (the "Company"), and/or one or more of its affiliates (including, without limitation, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC, Hilbert Communications, LLC and Cloud 1, LLC), to finance a project consisting of the acquisition, construction and installation of certain telecommunications infrastructure that includes, among other things (i) acquisition of tower sites by purchase or lease of land and equipping such sites with towers and electronics to provide broadband, high speed cellular, emergency communications and point to point (P2P) data communications; (ii) constructing fiberoptic data transmission facilities (cable and electronics) between towers, key community facilities, businesses and residential aggregation points; (iii) where appropriate, connecting individual premises into the broadband network including the cost of Consumer Premise Equipment (CPE); (iv) payment of capitalized interest; (v) funding of a debt service reserve fund; (vi) payment of project costs located in Iowa County in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000; and (vii) payment of professional fees (collectively, the "Project"), all of which will be for the purpose of providing wireless internet and telephone communications services to businesses, governmental units and residents of rural communities. The Company has represented that the net number of full-time equivalent jobs which will be created in Iowa County is 1.

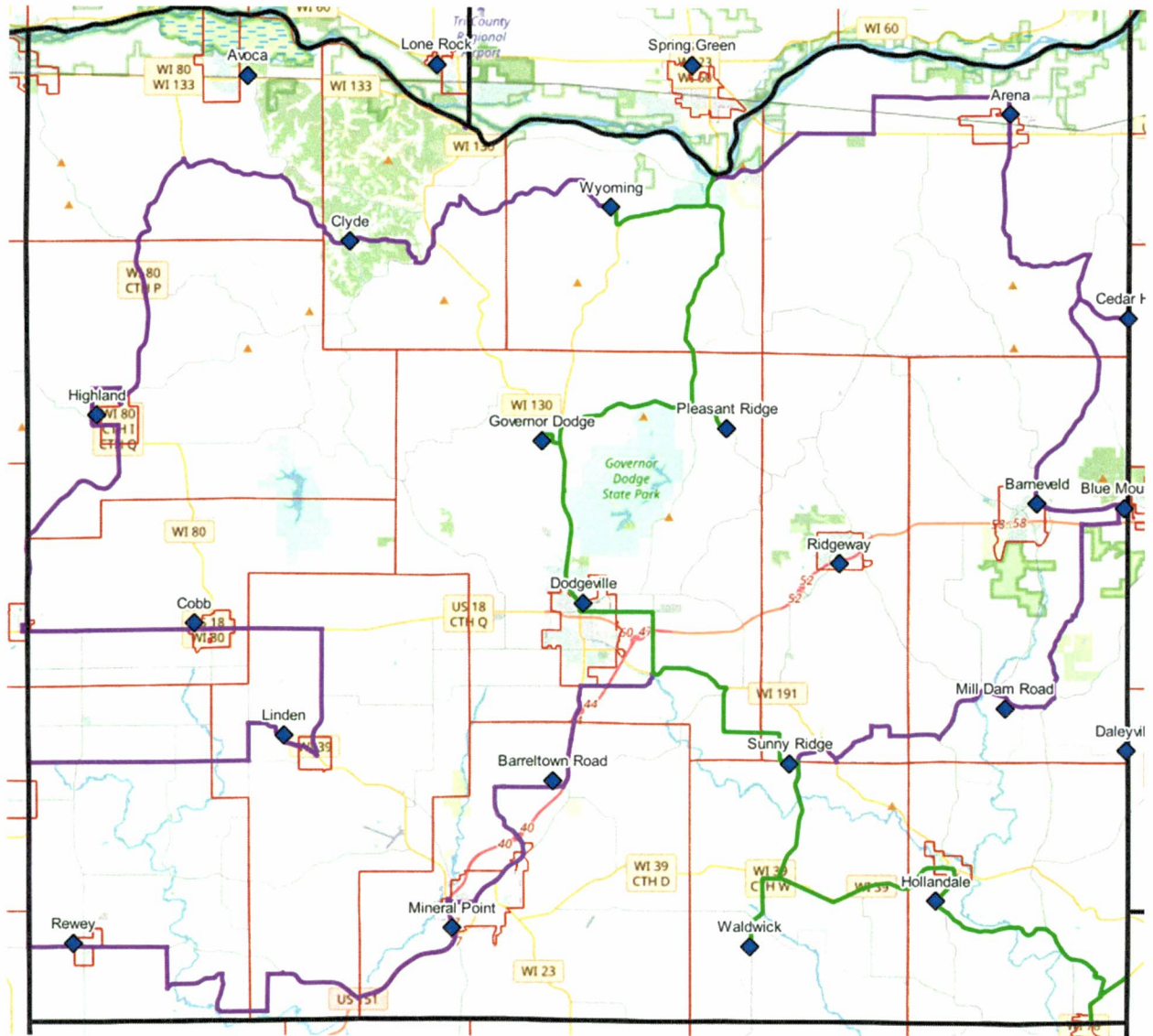
Pursuant to the terms of Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all requirements that the Project be subject to the contracting requirements contained in Section 66.1103 are waived, the Company having represented that it is able to negotiate satisfactory arrangements for completing the Project and that Iowa County's interests are not prejudiced thereby.

THE BONDS SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF IOWA COUNTY, NOR SHALL THE BONDS GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF IOWA COUNTY, NOR SHALL THE BONDS BE A CHARGE AGAINST THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF IOWA COUNTY. RATHER, THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES AND OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE DERIVED PURSUANT TO THE REVENUE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SAID PROJECT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE ISSUING COUNTY OR ISSUING COUNTIES AND THE COMPANY.

The Initial Resolution may be inspected in the office of the Iowa County Clerk at 222 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, during business hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE ELECTORS OF IOWA COUNTY MAY PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF THE BOND ISSUE. Unless within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of this Notice a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered electors of the Iowa County is filed with the County Clerk requesting a referendum on the question of the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuing County will issue the Bonds without submitting the proposition for the electors' approval. If such petition is filed as aforesaid, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a majority of the electors of Iowa County voting thereon at a general or special election.

Kristy Spurley, County Clerk
Iowa County, Wisconsin





To: Iowa County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Larry Bierke, County Administrator
RE: Committee Structure Changes
DATE: March 15, 2022

This memo serves to introduce a few changes to the Iowa County Committee Structure and Committee Appointments. These changes have been approved by the Executive Committee and are reflected on the attached, updated Iowa County Committees, Commissions, and Boards Structure document.

1. Iowa County must appoint someone to the Ludden Lake District Commission. State Statute 33.28 requires that this person be a member of the Land Conservation Committee. The Land Conservation Committee must nominate one of their members to the County Board for appointment. (FYI)
2. Wisconsin River Rail Transit and the Pecatonica Rail Transit Commissions are governed by state statute 59.58(3) and 66.0301. Both Commissions currently have an appointment of two citizen members and one supervisor for a total of three to each Commission. Would the Board be open to modifying those appointments to remove the Supervisor and replace it with a management position within the Highway Department? By assigning this to staff, we could set up the Public Works Committee to receive a staff report quarterly from the appointed employee.
3. When Iowa County was negotiating with Upland Hills Health for the merger of our nursing homes, a new Nonprofit was created called "Scenic Hills". The organization has an annual meeting in January of each year. The County Administrator shall contact Upland Hills Health and let them know that Iowa County desires to discontinue this nonprofit. Absent a merger, it no longer has a purpose.
4. The Tri County Airport Commission is still on our books for appointments. It shall be removed from our list of Committees.
5. Traditionally, Iowa County has appointed a County Supervisor to the Iowa County Fair Board. There are many changes occurring within this organization, including the hiring of an Executive Director and ongoing budget work. I would like Iowa County to consider changing the appointment of a Supervisor to the appointment of a paid staff member. I would like to appoint the Finance Director or his/her designee to participate on the County's behalf and to do quarterly reports back to the General Government Committee. This would help improve communications between our two entities, take another meeting off the shoulders of our County Supervisors, and perhaps assist the Fair Board with additional budgeting knowledge.
6. The Tax Deed Committee typically meets twice per year. These duties have been moved to the General Government Committee.

IOWA COUNTY COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS STRUCTURE

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 59, counties are authorized to organize under one of three forms of County government: 1) Executive; 2) Administrator; or 3) Administrative Coordinator. Specific statutes define the relationship between the legislative and executive roles of county government. Iowa County is organized under the County Administrator form (Wis. Stat. § 59.18) to insure clarity in roles and appropriate delegation of authority under the powers given a County Board. Committees created by the County Board are organized pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.13(1). Some committees are authorized under separate statutes and are referenced later in this document. Committees, Commissions, and Boards establish priorities.

Supervisors serve primarily a legislative function. The legislative function is largely limited to policymaking, lawmaking, budgetary approval, and cooperative decision making. No operational control resides with individual supervisors. Supervisors' authority is collective versus individual. Direction and decision-making by the Board of County Supervisors shall occur as a Board. Individual members of the Board shall not attempt to exercise independent authority over the County Administrator, director, official, or employee thereof. When elected to a committee chair position, a supervisor has the authority to set the agenda for committee meetings, preside at meetings, and make reports and recommendations on the committee's behalf.

The County Administrator presents the budget based on established priorities. A County Board has overall budget approval authority. The role of a County Board is that of being "visionary." Standing committees have policy oversight for departments, offices, and other entities. They monitor performance, review and participate in development of the budget, and draft ordinances and resolutions. Standing committees develop policy which in turn is recommended to the County Board for action. Standing Committee chairs shall report to the County Board at least every other month.

Department heads and/or other staff members provide input, make recommendations, and serve as a resource for committees. They do not vote. Staff members should be allowed an opportunity to provide input or clarify in a committee meeting, but it is not an appropriate role for staff to engage in committee debate or for a committee member or Board members to assign tasks to a staff member. As a collective body, a committee/board/commission may assign tasks to a department head/staff member.

Standing Committees: The following standing committees shall be reappointed after each spring election:

- 1) **General Government** – County Board 1st Vice Chair serves as Committee Chair; Committee elects a Vice Chair and Secretary
- 2) **Health & Human Services** – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary elected by this committee
- 3) **Public Safety** – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary elected by this committee
- 4) **Public Works** – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary elected by this committee

Standing committees shall have not less than three nor more than eight supervisors serving as members. A five member standing committee is preferred. Standing committees shall have a supervisor appointed by the County Board Chair as an alternate, and that person is only compensated for attending a meeting if they are filling in for an absent member.

Committees/Boards/Commissions Align with Standing Committees: Wisconsin statutes mandate the existence of certain Committees/Boards/Commissions, and these shall be identified as such when constituted. The statutes spell out the responsibilities. Further, Wisconsin statutes provide counties with autonomy so that they may appoint committees that meet local needs and interests. Iowa County is involved in multi-county or regional arrangements, and usually a member of the County Board or a citizen is appointed to represent the County. Other boards may represent a specific interest, optional involvement may result from a commitment of resources, and usually a member of the County Board or a citizen is appointed. Each committee/board/commission shall align with a standing committee.

Assessment of Committees, Boards, and Commissions: Annually, committee members shall review the purpose, accomplishments, and issues. Assessment shall serve as a means to determine how the purpose and functioning might be improved. Additionally, this is a time when the group determines if the committee/board/commission continues, is modified, or has completed its work. The County Administrator, supervisors, and staff provide input into the discussion.

Committee on Appointments

Purpose: The purpose of the Committee on Appointments is to assist the County Board Chair in selecting supervisors for all County Committees. The County Board Chair retains veto authority for all appointments. Additionally, input is made to the County Administrator for the committee members to be appointed by that position as outlined in the Wisconsin Statutes. Vice Chairs assist and assume an advisory role. The County Board Chair in consultation with Vice Chairs appoints board members to special committees when the need arises. The preferred length of term to serve on a specific committee, board, or commission shall be six (6) years, however, longer tenure may occur.

- a. Size of the Committee: 3 (Elected Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair)
- b. Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c. Assessment of the Committee: County Board

Executive Committee

Purpose: The purpose of the Executive Committee is to act on matters for which no other committee has jurisdiction or, where committee jurisdiction is in question or in conflict, on the recommendation of the County Board Chair, the Chair of the Committee and/or the County Administrator. The Executive Committee is empowered to investigate, report, and act on problems or issues that are brought to its attention. This body provides leadership for the hiring and assessment of the county administrator, establishing performance goals and providing feedback. The Executive Committee

provides oversight for the County Board Rules with changes requiring approval by the full County Board. The Executive Committee may also act in emergencies requiring immediate authorization with required subsequent approval of the Board. The Executive Committee has responsibility for the County's real property. The Executive Committee collaborates with the County Administrator and Finance Director to develop and monitor the budget. If a Committee, Board, or Commission better fits with a different Standing Committee, the Executive Committee shall recommend a change to the County Board for action. The Executive Committee is responsible to see that all resolutions and policies are implemented.

- a. Size of the Committee: 7 or less. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair of the County Board who shall serve as chair of the Executive Committee, the 1st Vice Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair and the Chair of each standing committee. Vice Chairs of each of the standing committees shall serve as an alternate to the Executive Committee in the event the Committee chair is unavailable or already serves on this committee. The 1st Vice Chair shall serve as the Chair of the General Government Standing Committee.
- b. Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c. Assessment of the Committee: County Board

Departments reporting to this committee include:

- a) County Administrator
- b) Corporation Counsel
- c) Finance

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/ COMMISSIONS/BOARDS OF IOWA COUNTY ALIGN WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

Long-Range Planning Committee

Purpose: This committee creates, recommends, and monitors a long-range plan that involves analysis of space, building, and service needs of county departments and agencies as well as planning for future growth/contraction of county services.

- a) Size of the Committee: 5 Supervisors
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly and as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Executive Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Appointment to Standing and Other Committees, Boards, and Commissions: The County Board Chair shall make appointment of all Supervisors to Committees created under County Board Rules, subject to confirmation by the County Board. Where Wisconsin statutes provide that other appointments shall be made by the County Board or by the chairperson of the County Board, those appointments to boards and commissions shall be made by the county administrator and shall be subject to the confirmation of the County Board. The preferred length of term to serve on a specific committee, board, or commission shall be six (6) years, however, longer tenure may occur.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT Standing Committee

Purpose: The General Government Standing Committee provides policy oversight and direction to departments and entities with functions, duties and powers that align with this standing committee. Members of this committee should be engaged with and knowledgeable of programs and services offered by involved departments and committees. The function of this committee shall be to assist in priority setting, policy development, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, economic development, facilities maintenance, recommending budget in support of priorities, promoting collaborative relationships regionally and within Iowa County, assessing effectiveness and continuation of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the Board and the public. Furthermore, the Committee is responsible for the sale of property that has not paid taxes, in accordance with state statutes.

Size of the Committee: 3 - 8 supervisors (five is preferred)

- a) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and /or as needed
- b) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Executive Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Departments and agencies reporting to this committee include:

- a) County Clerk
- b) Economic Development
- c) Employee Relations
- d) Environmental Services
- e) Information Technology
- f) Register of Deeds
- g) Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/ COMMISSIONS/BOARDS OF IOWA COUNTY ALIGN WITH THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT STANDING COMMITTEE –

Iowa County Ethics Board

Purpose: This board reviews and makes recommendations and referrals regarding ethics complaints filed. The Ethics Board primarily focuses on conflict of interest issues.

- a) Size of the Committee: 5 -- individuals from the Iowa County community
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by the General Government Standing Committee with input from supervisors and staff

~~Tax Deed Committee~~

~~**Purpose:** The Tax Deed Committee assumes responsibility for the sale of property that has not paid taxes in accordance with state statutes.~~

- ~~a) Size of the Committee: 3-5 Supervisors~~
- ~~a) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly and as needed~~
- ~~b) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the General Government Standing Committee with input from supervisors and staff~~

The General Government Standing Committee has three clusters and the goal is to have these clusters communicating around areas of common interest. Clusters include: a) Economic Development, b) Education and c) Recreation & Tourism. **Additionally, it will be helpful to have one County Board member serving on one of the committees in a specific cluster. Committees, commissions and/or boards in a cluster will be encouraged to meet at least annually around issues of mutual interest.**

CLUSTER - Economic Development

Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region (Required for Participation in Program)

Purpose: Eleven (11) counties created what has become the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region to provide adequate housing for limited resource households. Programs such as down payment assistance and repair assistance may be available to limited resource households.

- a) Size of the Region: 11 -- one member from each of the 11 counties; staff member
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Consortium: Annual peer review by members of the Consortium and input from supervisors and staff

Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

Purpose: The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting innovation and providing quality local workforce development programs and services to businesses and residents in Southwest Wisconsin.

- a) Size of the Board: 32 members - A majority of the Board members are from private sector businesses and include business owners, chief executives, or operating officers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority. The remainder of the board is from public sector organizations and agencies – one Supervisor/ county
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer Review by the Board with input from supervisors and staff

Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Wis. Stat. § 66.0309)

Purpose: The Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission collaborates with communities and organizations to build capacity within southwestern Wisconsin, serving as advocates for its residents. Regional Planning create opportunities and develop dynamic solutions to the challenges facing the region. This agency fosters growth by supporting innovative endeavors that provide tangible benefits to those served. The SWWRPC believe in the bold vision of southwestern Wisconsin and works to build the region's future. Counties involved include: Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland.

- a) Size of the Commission: 15 -- 3 from each county (County Board Chair or their designee as approved by the County Board, 1 is appointed by the Governor and County Board, and another appointed by the Governor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly and/or as needed

- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review by the Commission with input from supervisors and staff

Local TIF Districts

Purpose: Iowa County hereby appoints the County Administrator as the official County representative on all local Tax Increment Districts. Should the County Administrator be unable to attend a Joint Review Board Meeting, the County Treasurer shall attend as an alternate and have complete voting authority in place of the County Administrator.

- a) Size of the Board: Determined by the Municipality
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by the Board with input from supervisors and staff

CLUSTER - Education

Iowa County Fair Association Board

Purpose: Iowa County hereby appoints the Finance Director or his/her designee as the official County representative on the Iowa County Fair Association Board. Should the Finance Director be unable to attend a Fair Board Meeting, the County Administrator shall attend as an alternate and have complete voting authority in place of the Finance Director or designee. This board has overall responsibility and oversight for the Iowa County Fairgrounds including the annual fair and other activities that occur throughout the year. The Board provides oversight for operation, improvements, maintenance, priority setting, identifying unmet needs and opportunities, budget development in support of priorities, maintenance of collaborative relationships with the people, businesses, and communities throughout Iowa County, staffing decisions and communicating the value of services and programs to the public.

- a) Size of the Board: 12 members and may include one Supervisor Iowa County appoints one to the Fair Board
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by the Board with input from supervisors and staff

Southwest Wisconsin Library Board (Wis. Stat. §§ 43.19(1)(b)1 & 43.58)

Purpose: This Board has oversight for policies, budget and finances, and services to member public libraries in Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties.

- a) Size of the Board: Approximately 15 -- there is one representative from each County Board of Supervisors and Resource Library Representatives.
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least 6 times each year and as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by members and input from supervisors and staff

Iowa County Library Committee (Wis. Stat. § 43.11 and Act 150)

Purpose: This Committee develops a county wide library plan, makes revisions to an existing plan, or makes changes to the boundaries of a public library system. The goal is to provide for library services for all residents of the county.

- a) Size of the Board: 7-9 members including one member of the County Board. The Library Director from each Library located wholly in Iowa County shall be permanent members.
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by members and input from supervisors and staff

Local Library Boards

Purpose: Three of the libraries in Iowa County (Barneveld, Dodgeville, Mineral Point) have a board that requires a County Board appointment. These Boards have responsibility for policy making as it relates to use, management, regulation, budgeting, and preservation of the public library system as provided in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 43.

- a) Size of the Board: Varies with at least one County Board appointment
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Established by the local Board
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by members

CLUSTER – Recreation & Tourism

Hidden Valley Committee (Bylaws)

Purpose: Nine counties collaborate to promote tourism in the Hidden Valley region of Wisconsin. This committee provides oversight and support for promotion activities that occur both regionally and within a county.

- a) Size of the Committee: 12-16 -- each county represented by a Supervisor and at least one volunteer who is engaged in the tourism industry
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Tri-County Trail Commission (formerly Cheese Trail Commission (Bylaws))

Purpose: This commission provides oversight for maintaining and managing the Monroe to Mineral Point railroad right-of-way for use as an all year, all-purpose public recreation corridor.

- a) Size of the Commission: 11 -- 6 Supervisors (Green County), 4 Supervisors (Lafayette County), 1 Supervisor (Iowa County)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review by the Committee with input from supervisors and staff

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Standing Committee

Purpose: The Health & Human Services Standing Committee provides policy oversight and direction to departments and entities with functions, duties and powers that align with this standing committee. Members of this committee should be engaged and knowledgeable of programs and services offered by involved departments and

committees. The function of this committee shall be to assist in priority setting, policy development, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, recommending budget in support of priorities, promoting collaborative relationships regionally and within Iowa County, assessing effectiveness and continuation of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the Board and the public.

- a) Size of the Committee: 3 - 8 supervisors (five is preferred)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Executive Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Departments and agencies reporting to this committee include:

- a) Aging and Disability Resource Center
- b) Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation,
- c) Public Health
- d) Seniors United for Nutrition
- e) Social Services
- f) UW Extension.
- g) Veteran's Services
- h) Unified Community Services

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/ COMMISSIONS/BOARDS of IOWA COUNTY ALIGN WITH THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE:

Aging and Disability Resource Center, Iowa County Board (Wis. Stat. §§ 46.283(6) & 46.285) (Formerly known as Commission on Aging)

Purpose: The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin – Iowa County Board provides oversight for services and programs with adults and families who are affected by aging, disability, mental health or substance abuse issues so that their quality of life might be enhanced.

- a) Size of the Committee: 15 (3 Supervisors)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review by the Health and Human Services Standing Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Bloomfield Commission

Purpose: The Bloomfield Commission provides vision for operation, improvements, maintenance, priority setting, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, assists in budget development in support of priorities and ongoing monitoring, assessment of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the public. Members of this commission are engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services offered. The Commission also serves as the fiduciary agent for segregated funds such as the Campbell fund and any others that are created for specific needs.

- a) Size of the Committee: 5 – 3 Supervisors and 2 community members
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Board of Health (Wis. Stat. § 251.04)

Purpose: The Committee on Health provides policy direction and oversight with respect to Chapter 250-255 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to public and environmental health matters. Members of this committee should be engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services offered through the Department of Health. Assist in priority setting, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, budget development in support of priorities, development of collaborative relationships within Iowa County and regionally, assess services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to all members of the Board and public.

- a) Size of the Committee: 7 -- 3-4 Supervisors and 3-4 community members
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Quarterly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Extension & Agriculture Education Committee (Wis. Stat. § 59.56(3)(b))

Purpose: The Committee on Agriculture and Extension Education is to provide oversight and program direction to the UW-Extension Staff. Be engaged and knowledgeable of the programs offered by UWEX, promoting collaborative relationships regionally and within Iowa County. Conduct UWEX staff performance reviews, assist in budget development, participate in interviews for new staff when positions become vacant, communicate the value of UWEX to Iowa County residents and participate in the statewide WI Association of County Extension Committees (WACEC).

- a) Size of the Committee – 5 Supervisors (Fair Board representative serves on this committee)
- b) Frequency of Meetings - quarterly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee – Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Veterans Service Commission (Wis. Stat. § 45.81(1))

Purpose: The Veterans Service Commission provides oversight for programs and services for the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces of the United States. Programs and services are extended to those serving in times of peace, as well as in times of war, and include those who have served in the National Guard and the Reserves.

- a) Size of the Commission: 3 -- staggered three year terms, no supervisors
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/ COMMISSIONS/BOARDS INVOLVE ONE OR MORE OTHER COUNTIES AND IOWA COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION ALIGNS WITH THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE:

Aging and Disability Resource Center, Southwestern, WI Regional Board (Bylaws)

Purpose: Grant, Green, Iowa, and Layette Counties constitute the ADRC SWW. This Committee has oversight for services and programs with adults and families who are affected by aging, disability, mental health or substance abuse issues so that their

quality of life might be enhanced. Collaborative efforts are valued and reports directly to State of Wisconsin.

- a) Size of Committee: 12 (one Supervisor per county and an advocate for each of the purposes)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Marsh Country Health Alliance Board (Agreement)

Purpose: The Marsh Country Health Alliance (MCHA) formed in 2010 leases, manages and operates portions of Dodge County's, Clearview, a long term care and rehabilitation center. It operates under an intergovernmental cooperation agreement under which member counties (14 counties-Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Rock, Sauk, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago) contribute to the costs of operation. The purpose of forming MCHA is to provide financial resources to offset Dodge County for the inequitable losses Dodge County incurs due to caring for residents from other counties that have specialized physical and mental health needs. Dodge County is financially accountable because it provides the majority of funding and has effective control over the operation of the facility.

- a) Size of the Board: 14-16 -- Official representative must be a County Board Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed, the County Executive Commissioners meet yearly.
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Seniors United for Nutrition Board (S.U.N.) (Bylaws)

Purpose: The Seniors United for Nutrition Program, Inc. (SUN) Board provides oversight for services and programs that support and assist seniors 60 and over by providing hot nutritious meals, home delivered or in a group setting, to promote fellowship, reduce isolation, and to provide prevention programming to assist in maintaining independence and involvement in their community. Iowa and Lafayette Counties have a collaborative program.

- a) Size of the Committee: 6 -- three Supervisors from each county
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Southwestern Community Action Program Board (SWCAP) (Agreement with state and federal government)

Purpose: The SWCAP Board provides oversight for programs that involve low-income people in developing and carrying out anti-poverty programs. Leadership is provided for planning and evaluating both long and short-range strategies for overcoming poverty in the community. Assist in determining whether to conduct or delegate to other agencies the operation of programs financed through federal, state, local, or other available funds. Counties in SWCAP include Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland

- a) Size of the Board: 24 -- Approximately 1/3 from low-income audiences or individuals representing low-income, 1/3 supervisors, 1/3 general population -- 1 Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Unified Board of Grant and Iowa Counties (Wis. Stat. § 51.42)

Purpose: This board provides oversight for programs that contribute to the development of healthier individuals, families, and communities within Grant and Iowa Counties. The Unified Board provides oversight for services and programs with adults and families who are affected by aging, disability, mental health or substance abuse issues so that quality of life might be enhanced.

- a) Size of the Board: 10 -- 6 from Grant County and 4 from Iowa County - 2 Supervisors
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

PUBLIC SAFETY Standing Committee

Definition: Addressing services that protect the wellbeing of the public and keeping residents safe

Purpose: The Public Safety Standing Committee provides policy oversight and direction to departments and entities with functions, duties and powers that align with this standing committee. Members of this committee should be engaged and knowledgeable of programs and services offered by involved departments and committees. The function of this committee shall be to assist in priority setting, policy development, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, recommending budget in support of priorities, promoting collaborative relationships regionally and within Iowa County, assessing effectiveness and continuation of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the Board and public.

- a) Size of the Committee: 3 - 8 supervisors (five is preferred)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Executive Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Departments and agencies reporting to this committee include:

- a) Child Support
- b) Clerk of Circuit Court,
- c) Coroner
- d) District Attorney
- e) Emergency Management
- f) Family Court
- g) Humane Society
- h) Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)
- i) Register in Probate
- j) Sheriff

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS of IOWA COUNTY ALIGN WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE:

Chapter 59 Grievance Committee (Wis. Stat. § 59.26(8)(b)1)

Purpose: This committee hears Sheriff Department Chapter 59 and other union grievances.

- a) Size of the Committee: 5 -- 2 Supervisors from Public Safety Standing Committee, 2 Supervisors from General Government Standing Committee, and Board Chair
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Courtroom Security and Facilities Committee (Supreme Court Rule 68.05)

Purpose: This committee assists the county and courts in making decisions regarding the court facilities whether construction, remodeling and security innovations, or relocation. The presiding judge appoints members of this committee.

- a) Size of the Committee: at least 12 as specified in the Court Rule
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Criminal Justice Collaboration Council (Resolution 8-0814)

Purpose: This Council has responsibility to explore, establish, and have oversight of innovative and effective programs that could enhance public safety, improve offender accountability and rehabilitation, and/or support the rights and needs of crime victims as well as provide guidance for the Iowa County OWI Intensive Supervision Program and Iowa County Drug Treatment Court.

- a) Size of the Council: 12-14 stakeholders in the justice system including staff, a county board member, and citizens of the county
- b) Frequency of Meetings: At least quarterly
- c) Assessment of the Council: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Crime Prevention Funding Surcharge Board (Wis. Stat. § 59.54(28), Iowa County Resolution 4-0416)

Purpose: Since passage of Resolution 4-0416, the Iowa County Circuit Court has assessed a \$20 crime prevention surcharge for each criminal conviction that occurs in Iowa County criminal cases. That surcharge is collected by the Iowa County Clerk of Courts and is to be transmitted to the Iowa County Treasurer. The Crime Prevention Funding Surcharge Board is tasked with distributing the amounts collected in the form of grant payments to private nonprofit organizations and law enforcement agencies within Iowa County for crime prevention purposes. The Crime Prevention Funding Surcharge Board also is to produce an annual report on its activities to the Clerk of Court, the County Board, and the legislative bodies of each Iowa County municipality. That annual report is to identify all entities that received a grant, the purpose of the grants, and an accounting of the funds disbursed.

- a) Size of Committee: 7 members, consisting of the circuit court judge (or judge's designee); the district attorney (or D.A.'s designee); the sheriff (or sheriff's designee); the county administrator (or administrator's designee); the chief elected official of the largest municipality in the county, as determined by population (or that official's designee); a person chosen by a majority vote of the sheriff and all of the chiefs of police departments that are located wholly or partly within the county; and a person chosen by the county's public defender's office.
- b) Frequency of Meetings: as needed, no less than annually

- c) Assessment of the Committee: annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Local Emergency Planning Committee (Wis. Stat. § 59.54(8))

Purpose: This committee provides oversight for Iowa County Hazardous Material Response Planning tracking Haz-Mat spills and identifies needs relative to response to Haz-Mat incidents.

- a) Size of Committee: 11 -- 1 Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Once every 6 months or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

PUBLIC WORKS Standing Committee

Definition: Addressing infrastructure and land services for the benefit of and use by the public

Purpose: Public Works Standing Committee provides policy oversight and direction to departments and entities with functions, duties and powers that align with this standing committee. Members of this committee should be engaged and knowledgeable of programs and services offered by involved departments and committees. The function of this committee shall be to assist in priority setting, policy development, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, recommending budget in support of priorities, promoting collaborative relationships regionally and within Iowa County, assessing effectiveness and continuation of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the Board and the public. The Public Works Committee shall have statutory responsibilities under section 83.015 as assigned to the Highway Committee.

- a) Size of the Committee: 3 - 8 supervisors (five is preferred)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review by the Executive Committee with input from supervisors and staff

Departments and agencies reporting to this committee include:

- a) Airport (including Tri-County)
- b) Highway
- c) Land Conservation
- d) Planning and Zoning
- e) Rural Transit

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS of IOWA COUNTY ALIGN WITH THE TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE:

Iowa County Airport Commission (Wis. Stat. § 114.14(2))

Purpose: The Iowa County Airport Commission provides oversight for improvements, operation, and maintenance of the airport as well as for the budget. This Commission provides jurisdiction for the Airport Land Use Plan as part of the Iowa County zoning

ordinance. Having a county supervisor from the Mineral Point area is desired but not required.

- a) Size of the Committee: 7 -- 5 Supervisors and 2 from the aviation community
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input supervisors and staff.

Traffic Safety Commission (Wis. Stat. § 83.013(1))

Purpose: This commission identifies high risk locations and recommends risk mitigation measures with regards to the flow of traffic within the county.

- a) Size of Committee: 9 – 11 – one Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Quarterly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

The Public Works Standing Committee has one cluster and the goal is to have this cluster communicating around areas of common interest. Additionally, it will be helpful to have one County Board member serving on one of the committees in a specific cluster. Committees, Commissions and/or Boards in a cluster will be encouraged to meet at least annually around issues of mutual interest.

CLUSTER - Conservation & Land

Board of Adjustment & Administrative Appeal (Wis. Stat. § 59.694(1))

Purpose: The Board of Adjustment receives and acts on appeals related to variances regarding shorelands as found in Wis. Stat. § 59.692(4)(b), floodplain zoning (Wis. Admin. Code NR 116.19) and county zoning (Wis. Stat. § 59.69(2)).

- a) Size of the Board: Not more than 5 members and 2 alternates
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Board: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Land Conservation Committee (Wis. Stat. § 92.07)

Purpose: This committee performs the functions and exercises the powers set forth in the statutes and provides administration and oversight for the Farmland Preservation Program. Collaborate with staff having responsibility for both state and federal programs. Members of this committee shall be engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services offered. Assist in priority setting, budget preparation, staffing decisions, collaborative relations, and assessment of services and programs. Make decisions on distribution and allocation of federal, state, and county funds made available for cost-sharing programs or other incentive programs for improvements and practices. Provide input to committees that have land rentals and share best agriculture practices.

- a) Size of the committee: Maximum of 7 (3-5 Supervisors and two from the community - (At least one Supervisor from the Planning & Zoning Committee)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Every other month or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Blackhawk Lake Commission – aligns with the Land Conservation Committee (Wis. Stat. § 66.30 & Operations Agreement)

Purpose: The Commission provides oversight for operation, improvements, maintenance, priority setting, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, budget development and monitoring in support of priorities, maintenance of collaborative relationships with Iowa County and the DNR, staffing decisions and hiring of manager, assessment of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the public. Members of this commission are engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services offered.

- a) Size of the Commission: 5 members from each village (Cobb & Highland) Supervisor from either Cobb or Highland areas (ex-officio)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review by the Land Conservation Committee and members of the commission

Ludden Lake District Commission (Wis. Stat. §§ 33.28 & 66.30)

Purpose: The District Commission provides oversight for operation, improvements, maintenance, priority setting, identifying unmet service needs and opportunities, budget development in support of priorities, maintenance of collaborative relationships with Iowa County and the DNR, staffing decisions, assessment of services and programs, and communicating the value of services and programs to the public. Members of this commission are engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services offered.

- a) Size of the District Commission: Bylaws identify and state statute indicates one Supervisor needs to be on this board. Supervisor must be a member of the Land Conservation Committee and the Land Conservation Committee must nominate said member for appointment by the County Board.
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Land Information Council (Wis. Stat. § 59.72(3m))

Purpose: This council has oversight over any physical, legal, economic or environmental information or characteristics concerning land, water, groundwater, subsurface resources or air in Iowa County.

- a) Size of the Council: Not less than 8 members; one is a Supervisor (a list of who needs to be on this Council is in the statute)
- b) Frequency of Meetings: As needed
- c) Assessment of the Council: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Planning and Development Committee (Wis. Stat. § 59.69(2))

Purpose: This committee provides oversight for direction and oversees enforcement of land use regulations within shore lands (Wis. Admin. Code NR 115), food plains (Wis. Admin. Code NR 116), and non-metallic mining areas (Wis. Admin. Code NR 135). Provides oversight for the enforcement of all matters related to zoning, private sewage systems, subdivision control, comprehensive planning, mapping, land records modernization, and land use ordinances and statutes. Members of this committee shall be engaged and knowledgeable of the programs and services.

- a) Size of the Committee: 5 Supervisors (Represent townships)

- b) Frequency of Meetings: Hearings are held monthly
- c) Assessment of the Committee: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES/ COMMISSIONS/BOARDS INVOLVE ONE OR MORE OTHER COUNTIES AND IOWA COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION ALIGNS WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE:

Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission (Wis. Stat. § 59.968)

Purpose: Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties are served by a branch line commencing at Janesville and ending in Mineral Point. The purpose of this commission is to oversee operations and maintain as much right-of-way and rail as possible.

- a) Size of the Commission: 9 --Three commissioners from each county for staggered three year terms and one staff member from the Iowa County Highway Department may be a Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Quarterly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

~~Tri-County Airport Commission (Wis. Stat. § 114.14(2) & Ord 800.01)~~

~~**Purpose:** The Tri-County Airport Commission consists of Iowa, Richland, and Sauk Counties. The Tri-County Airport Commission provides oversight for improvements, operation, and maintenance of the airport as well as for the budget. This Commission provides jurisdiction for the Airport Land Use Plan as part of the Iowa County zoning ordinance. The Sauk County Department of Conservation, Planning and Zoning provides the administrative support for the tri-county airport.~~

- ~~a) Size of the Commission: 7--Two Supervisors from each County and one regular airport user~~
- ~~a) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed~~
- ~~b) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff~~

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (Wis. Stat. § 59.968)

Purpose: Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties are served and therefore are members of this commission. The purpose of this commission is to oversee operations and maintain as much right-of-way and rail as possible. A branch from Madison to Prairie du Chien with spurs to Mazomanie and Lone Rock is included.

- a) Size of the Commission: Three commissioners from each county for staggered three year terms and one staff member from the Iowa County Highway Department may be a Supervisor
- b) Frequency of Meetings: Monthly and/or as needed
- c) Assessment of the Commission: Annual peer review with input from supervisors and staff

Established 10/20/15 by Resolution No. 10-1015

Amended 3/20/18 by Resolution No. 5-0318

Amended 3/19/19 by Resolution No. 9-0319

Amended 5/19/20 by Motion.

Amended 3/15/22 by Motion.

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: JEDI Resolution

☐ Original

☒ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

Iowa County has set a goal of generally strengthening awareness of diversity within Iowa County. As a result the County Administrator worked with County Department Heads and put together the attached Resolution. This resolution identifies several changes via a list of bullet points that could help impact diversity awareness.

Staff calls this proposal the JEDI plan as it addresses the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion aspects of our community. The plan tries to address the opportunities to help recognize our cultural differences in a variety of ways. JEDI includes recognition of community justice perceptions, community economic, cultural, education, and gender differences, and it works modifying County practices in order to make differences more acceptable in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

The Executive Committee has reviewed and recommended this resolution for approval.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list below:

Attached is the JEDI resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

PUBLICATION REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

STAFF PRESENTATION?:

☐ Yes

☒ No

How much time is needed? _____

COMPLETED BY: Larry Bierke

DEPT: County Administrator

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED:

☐ Yes

☒ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM #

COMMITTEE ACTION:

**IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 10-322**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING CERTAIN
JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (JEDI) EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors would like to increase the diversity of Iowa County employee base, labor pool, and county population; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has developed a plan of specific ideas to move Iowa County in the direction of greater justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) to help Iowa County Board, staff, and residents develop a welcoming community for new residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the following actions be taken as a means to encourage greater cultural sensitivity, greater diversity, and support for minority populations:

1. The County Administrator, all County Department Heads, and the Iowa County Board shall receive 5 hours of Cultural Sensitivity, Diversity, and Inclusion training in 2022 and 5 additional hours in 2023.
2. In 2023, the County Administrator shall establish the position of Social Worker in the Sheriff's Office to assist with communications and follow up with former inmates in an effort to reduce recidivism. This position will increase interdepartmental and community communications, as well as open the door to more staff training opportunities.
3. The County Administrator and Sheriff shall begin a relationship and series of discussions with the School Districts of Iowa County to determine how Iowa County and the JEDI effort can help with their diversity efforts.
4. Beginning in 2023, Iowa County will specifically budget to place additional employment opportunity advertisements in periodicals, newsletters, or websites that are specifically geared toward minority populations not currently represented in the workforce to grow area diversity.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that: It is understood that an educated populace and an educated workforce will help fight discrimination and fear of differences. Iowa County is committed toward making our community one in which people who are different are accepted, assimilated, and welcomed.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of March, 2022.

John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Kris Spurley, County Clerk