

MINUTES

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

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111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Webster – Chair, Dennis Krafft – Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Christopher Boyd
Absent: Gerald Little
Others: Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Martin Szeliga, Alissiana Scott and Suzy Koeplinger

I. Call to Order ---**Webster at 5:00 p.m.**

II. Welcome

III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (*None*)

IV. Public Comment - *Speakers limited to 3 minutes*

- Martin Szeliga, MiHi Commission, addressed commissioners and offered his services as a member of

V. Agenda

- Discussion of committee structure

Chairman Boyd provided a background on the broadband project and how discussions were held during ARPA funding process. A Broadband Steering Committee has been established with the objective to dive into the details of this statewide project.

- Discussion of funding

The State of Michigan has allocated \$1.5 billion for high-speed internet across the state. Saginaw County will receive \$20 - \$30 million of this.

- Discussion of programs

The state has established the Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD) Program which has developed a five-year action plan. The county Broadband Steering Committee has reviewed this and will stay up to date as more information is released.

---Moved by Boyd, seconded by Krafft, to have the Broadband Steering Committee make a presentation to this committee. Motion carried.

VI. Miscellaneous ---**None**

VII. Adjournment ---**Moved by Harris, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:38 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Webster, Committee Chair
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk