



## Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force (BBTF)

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Chelsea District Library, McKune Room  
221 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

#### I. Call to Order | Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fuller at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Barb Fuller, Chair  
Matthew Ben, Concerned Citizen, Webster Township  
Leslie Galappa, Concerned Citizen, Webster Township  
Melanie Bell, Michigan Broadband Cooperative  
Cal Messing, Bridgewater Township  
Mike Compton, Dexter Township  
John Kingsley, Webster Township  
Kyle Mazurek, Comcast  
Ben Fineman, Michigan Broadband Cooperative  
Via telephone, Commissioner Shannon Beeman, District 3  
Lisa Moutinho, Staff Support

#### II. Public Comment

Leslie expressed her concerns about 5G and the impact of the radio frequencies on our bodies.

Matthew concurred with Leslie and urged more research on the biological impact of technology on our bodies.

#### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. June 20, 2019

Meeting minutes approved as presented – Bell/Messing

#### IV. Action Items

Additions to Agenda

- Workgroup report – Data Collection

- Freedom Township Meeting
- Dexter Township Update
- A. Report of the Chair
  - Chair Fuller reported that she will be joining the Board of Commissioners leadership meeting on Tuesday, July 30 to discuss the resources needed to continue our work and achieve their directive within the time provided
  
- V. Workgroup Updates
  - A. Data Collection group has met with Merit and working through the survey instrument and estimated cost
  - B. Kyle indicated that Comcast is considering their participation in the Connecting Communities grant on behalf of Dexter and Manchester Townships – he’s working through the details with his team but confirmed that the integrity of the data collection is paramount for any grant consideration
  - C. Freedom Township meeting – Chair Fuller updated on a meeting that happened in Freedom Township, a representative from Senator Peters office was there and advised that the Senator is participating in a bill that serves to clarify the DATA Act (Deployment Accuracy Technological Availability Act)
  - D. Dexter Township update: Working to finalize a broadband coverage map to indicate where 25mbps is available, should be done by September
  
- VI. Next Steps | Deliverables
  - A. July 30, 2019 BOC Leadership Meeting – Barb & Ben to attend in anticipation of August 7, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting (financial ask & approval of bylaws)
  
- VII. Announcements
  - Update: Lima Township is not interested in putting a representative on this committee at this time
  
  - Announcement: Melanie has accepted a position with Plymouth Library but will continue to serve on this task-force
  
- VIII. Adjournment
  - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.
  - Fineman/Compton

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, August 8, 2019  
Chelsea District Library, McKune Room