

Legislative & Research Committee Minutes
March 8, 2021 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairwoman Raymond; Committee Members Preston Allen, Dick Lucia, Bill Peck, Mike Smith, Mo Wright; Steve Bulger, Brian O’Conor, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, County Administrator; Hugh Burke, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning

Chairwoman Raymond called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Ms. Raymond said the Legislative Program is already on the agenda for review by Law and Finance on Wednesday. There is an item that should be added and that is to support the Federal Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Funding. She asked the Committee if they had seen this and asked if anyone had any questions. Ms. Raymond asked Mr. Wright if he approved the language that had been sent to him. Mr. Wright said he had reviewed it earlier with Mr. Bulger and said it looked fine. Mr. Wright added this item would give information to start conversations with Federal Legislators. He said this covers a broad area and will open the discussion needed with our Legislators.

Ms. Raymond said for what it's worth, she had read a little bit of the stimulus that passed the Senate is going to the House. She said one of the items the County can spend money on is broadband. She had not read how much or what fashion but at least it has included in the language of the stimulus.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Smith, to add an item to the 2021 Legislative Program in support of Federal Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Funding. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board