

The LTPT shall:

- A. Work with rural communities to help the communities understand their current broadband availability.
- B. Locate unserved and underserved, as defined in Section 288.9961(2), businesses and residents.
- C. Identify assets relevant to Broadband deployment.
- D. Build partnerships with Broadband service providers.
- E. Identify opportunities to leverage assets and reduce barriers to the deployment of broadband Internet services in the community.

The LTPT shall be comprised of 12 members, appointments are made by the Board of County Commissioners, and the membership is as follows:

Martin County Administrator or designee
Martin County Library Director or designee
Martin County School District representative
Martin County Health Care Provider representative
Martin County Chamber of Commerce Representative
Martin County Tourism Director or designee
Business Development Board representative
United Way of Martin County Representative
City of Stuart Representative
Martin County Park and Recreation Director or designee
Local Broadband & Internet Service Provider representative
Village of Indiantown representative

The term of each member shall be determined at the time of their appointment. At the initial appointment to the LTPT, the terms of office of the members shall be for 4 years, except that three of the members first appointed shall be designated to serve terms of 1, 2, and 3 years, respectfully, from the date of their appointments, and all other members shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years from the date of their appointments. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified.

An Information Release soliciting applicants for the Local Broadband and Internet Service Provider representative and the Martin County Health Care Provider representative was emailed via Constant Contact to the Outreach Martin and Local Media which includes local Chambers of Commerce, local businesses, and citizens (nearly 2,300 recipients). The Information Release was also posted to the County's web page under News.

The Administration Staff will advise the applicants of the Commission's decision which will include Sunshine Law information to the appointed individuals.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

To the extent this item contains legal issues; it has been reviewed for legal sufficiency, however, it is

primarily a matter of Board policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board appoint the following to the Local Technology Planning Team for terms to begin immediately:

- George Stokus - Martin County Administrator or designee - March 6, 2024
- Riki Donnelly - Martin County Library Director or designee - March 6, 2024
- Todd Adrian - Martin County School District representative - March 6, 2024
- Michele Libman - Martin County Health Care Provider representative - March 6, 2025
- Kevin Kryzda - Martin County Chamber of Commerce Representative - March 6, 2025
- Nerissa Okiye - Martin County Tourism Director or designee - March 6, 2025
- Joan K. Goodrich - Business Development Board representative - March 6, 2026
- Carol G. Houwaart-Diez - United Way of Martin County Representative - March 6, 2026
- Mick Jacobson - City of Stuart Representative - March 6, 2026
- Kevin Kirwin - Martin County Park and Recreation Director or designee - March 6, 2027
- Barry McLaughlin - Local Broadband & Internet Service Provider - March 6, 2027
- Taryn Kryzda - Village of Indiantown representative - March 6, 2027

Move that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution of Appointment.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda and direct staff accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

None

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- Budget Transfer / Amendment Chair Letter Contract / Agreement
- Grant / Application Notice Ordinance Resolution
- Other:

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