



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: April 23, 2024

Title of Item: Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, McGrath Broadband project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Mark Jeffers		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: Stacy Cluff, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, and Mark Jeffers will update and discuss the completion of the McGrath Broadband project.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: discussion only		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

CDBG – Aitkin County/MLEC McGrath Project

535 potential customers. This number includes any location that has an electric service.

184 residents have signed up for services. The overall take rate for the project is at 36%.

104 miles of main line fiber was placed, along with 39 miles of service drop fiber. All fiber was placed underground in the road right of way.

Installations started in early March and as of 4/15/24 MLEC has connected 107 residents.

Currently 13 residents are taking 1 Gbps symmetrical service.

The total cost of the project was \$5,097,635.

Cost per passing is \$9,528 based on the potential 535 customers.