

Grant County Digital Network Coalition
August 20, 2019
6:00 PM
John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day

1. **OPEN AND NOTE ATTENDANCE**
2. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MINUTES**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – At this time Chair Walker will welcome the public and ask if there is anything they would like to add to tonight's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **NONE**
 - None

ACTION ITEMS

1. **BOARD POSITION FILLED**
Attachments:
 - None
2. **OREGON RECONNECT BROADBAND WORKSHOPS**
Attachments:
 - Workshop Flyer
3. **CITY HALL FIBER BUILD**
Attachments:
 - None

OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS

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 - August 20 – Grant County Digital Board Meeting, 6 P.M. @ Fire Hall

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: July 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item #4: None
Attachment(s)
• None

BACKGROUND

No items on the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

N/A

Consent Agenda. None.

Recommendation: None.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: August 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: Board position filled
Attachment(s)

- None

BACKGROUND

Elliot Sky has been appointed to the John Day City Council to fill Brandon Smith's position through December 2020. The council appointed Sky to represent the City of John Day on the board.

DICUSSION

We'll introduce the board to Elliot and then I'll provide a brief summary of the work we've done to-date and the projects that are ongoing to help bring him up to speed.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: August 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Oregon ReConnect Broadband Workshops
Attachment(s)

- Workshop flyer

BACKGROUND

I have been invited to speak on a panel at the Madras workshop on Thursday, August 29. Other panelists include Joseph Franell, General Manager and CEO Eastern Oregon Telecom; and Lynn Ewing, Mayor, City of Maupin, Oregon.

The board is welcome to attend the workshop if interested and available.

DISCUSSION

We'll gather at the front of the room at 10:20 a.m. (ten minutes before the restart after the morning break). Steve Corbato (Executive Director Link Oregon / Oregon Fiber Partnership) will make very short opening remarks to frame the session and to introduce the three panelists. Eight minutes will be allocated to each panelist to make initial remarks, including any slides (no questions at that point). The presentation order will be Lynn first, then Nick, and finally Joe.

They have asked us to discuss our individual stories – particularly overcoming initial challenges, approaches to external funding and consultants, and achieving sustainability – which they feel will be very important for the audience to hear. We expect that we will touch on the potential role of electric co-ops and community anchor institutions as well.

We'll use the remaining ~25 minutes for Q&A and discussion. Slides must be provided by COB Wednesday (8/21). They will have the benefit of conducting a similar panel (albeit with different panelists) in Independence the previous day, so they plan to relay any insights to this panel afterwards.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: August 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Fiber Build to City Hall
Attachment(s)

- None

BACKGROUND

We reviewed Blue Mountain Telecom's bid and after researching with the company we identified that their bid did not include prevailing wage rates. As a result, Quanta Telecom was the low-bidder on the City Hall build.

DISCUSSION

Our original bid deadline for this solicitation was in March 2019. The quote form provided to the vendors includes, in pertinent part, that the contractor agrees that all applicable provisions of Oregon law relating to public contracts (ORS Chapter 279A, 279B & 279C) and the City's public contracting rules are, by this reference, incorporated in and made a part of the Quote. This form further provides that the contractor hereby states that the contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of ORS 279C.838, 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 3141 to 3148, as applicable.

Unfortunately, many of the contractors were either unfamiliar with these requirements or did not research them in enough detail to determine that any bid over \$50,000 would require prevailing wage rates. In the future, we will include a statement in the advertisement and RFQ along the lines of "the project is a public works project subject to the provisions of ORS 279C.838, 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 3141 to 3148, as applicable."

RESULTS

The price-ranked city hall bids were as follows:

Pro-UG – \$60,995.00 – not prevailing wage/did not re-bid
Quanta – \$64,427.00
Blue Mountain – \$69,743.21
Texstar – \$69,800.00

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend we issue a notice of intent to award to Quanta and authorize me to sign the professional services agreement for this build.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: July 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #8: Other Business and Upcoming Meetings
Attachment(s)

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bylaws – moved to September meeting

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 17 – Grant County Digital board meeting, 6 P.M. @ Fire Hall