

**MINUTES**  
**McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MCRPC) Meeting**  
WEDNESDAY, April 2, 2025, 4:00 P.M.  
115 E Washington St, Bloomington, Illinois  
Room 404 and Virtual

**Members Present:**

Carl Teichman, Chairperson; Jim Fruin, Vice-Chairperson; Katie Ruder; Ron Lesser; Fred Grieder; Amy Roser; Mark Wylie\*

**Members Absent:**

John Burrill; Bart Bittner; Carl Olson; Rory Roberge

**Others Present:**

MCRPC Staff – Raymond Lai; Thomas Valencia; Jennifer Sicks; Luke Talavera; Anthony Baumann; Jake Crevoiserat; Alec Mudra; Katie McShane\*  
Others – Anthony Grant, McLean County; Phil Dick, McLean County\*

\*Attended Virtually

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**1. Call To Order:**

Mr. Teichman called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

This meeting was delayed 15 minutes due to a tornado warning.

**2. Attendance:**

See above

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**4. Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the March 12, 2025, Commission meeting
2. Financial Reports
3. MCRPC Staff Report

Mr. Teichman called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Lesser moved for approval. Mr. Grieder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**5. Regular Agenda:**

- a. Items removed from the Consent Agenda (if any)

None

## 6. Items for Information or Discussion:

- a. Presentation: Accelerate Access McLean County (AAMC) Broadband Initiative (Anthony Grant, Assistant County Administrator)

Mr. Grant introduced himself as the Assistant County Administrator of McLean County. He provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the AAMC Broadband Initiative. [PowerPoint available at the office for review]

Q & A Followed the Presentation:

Q- Do the service providers have to meet a certain time requirement to provide service to these areas? If they don't meet that time requirement, are there consequences?

A- 5 years to build out to the areas. The service providers will start selling in the areas prior to installation and there could be benefits to signing up early. If the service providers don't meet the 5-year requirement then there could be a loss of grant funding for service providers and permits could expire. The goal is to have multiple providers to grow the competition and drive costs down to be more affordable. When there is only one option for internet, they can charge what they want, but if there are multiple options it allows for competition in the marketplace.

Q- Will the cable be underground?

A- Yes, we prefer it be underground. Some of the service providers have stated they will do as much as they can underground but some areas might have to be aerial depending on the location and cost.

Q- Who is responsible for the right-of-way hook ups and hooking up to the home?

A- When it comes to rights-of-way or easements, that falls on the service providers responsibility. When it comes to hooking up to the home, that will be decided together between the service provider and homeowner.

Q- Due to the changes and uncertainty in Washington DC are you confident that funding will be provided?

A- The funding has not been cancelled completely but there have been a few changes to verbiage related to climate control, de-emphasizing fiber and other issues.

Q- Why were some townships not receptive to the program?

A- There were a few different reasons, some were personality driven, some were because of burned bridges in the past. Others were unsure about the outside state labor verses local labor.

- b. Regional Housing Initiatives update (Luke Talavera)

Mr. Talavera updated on the housing meetings scheduled for this month. He advised that staff updated the White Paper for Area Median Income in McLean County, and it will be available on the website soon. Staff has been working hard on the Housing Dashboard to get it updated as well as making necessary improvements. As for the Consolidated Plan, the City didn't receive any public comments during their public comment period. The Town is currently in their public

comment period until April 21. Staff attended the screening at Heartland Community College of the “No Address” movie. The movie followed a group of homeless people to discuss their journey on becoming homeless. The movie will be available on some streaming services, like Apple TV and Amazon Prime on April 4.

c. Human Services Transportation Plan update (Jennifer Sicks)

Staff recently attended the Region 6 Committee meeting, which had some good conversations about moving forward for the next year between the remaining Counties. Upcoming for MCRPC is getting the contract from IDOT to coordinate services and creating a media and public information campaign for the 5 Counties with the new service providers to help gain awareness in the communities.

d. Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan update (Raymond Lai)

Mr. Lai advised that the consultants presented the draft Engagement Report and the Phase 2 Opportunities and Needs Report at the most recent PSC meeting. Both draft reports that were submitted by the consultant are available for review. Currently, the plan is in Phase 3 out of 4 phases. This phase is the longest, lasting almost a year. The next PSC meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

e. That Which May Arise

None

**7. Adjournment:**

Mr. Teichman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fruin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lesser seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie McShane  
Office Manager/Executive Assistant