

Town Officials:

If you missed last week's opportunity to voice your opinion about how to move rural Wisconsin forward, **you still have two chances**. Earlier this year, Governor Evers created the Office of Rural Prosperity to help rural communities learn how to leverage state programs that empower them to succeed. He also created a Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity to gather information from rural stakeholders and use it to develop a plan to invigorate the agriculture industry, rural businesses, and rural communities. The Commission is holding [three listening sessions](#) to hear directly from you. They are also providing an opportunity to provide written comment.

As town officials, you know better than anyone else what is needed to accomplish rural prosperity. It is imperative that you voice your opinion. If you don't, someone else will speak for you. The Commission needs to understand directly from you how the lack of broadband is putting rural Wisconsin at a huge disadvantage; how we're facing a pending fire/EMS crisis in many parts of the state; and, how unequal infrastructure investment puts rural Wisconsin behind the 8 ball. Of course, there are many other challenges and potential solutions you have to share.

You can participate live in the second and third virtual listening sessions on:

September 8, 7:00 – 9:00pm (you must register [here](#))

September 16, 3:00 – 5:00pm (you must register [here](#))

You can also leave written comments through the portal at the bottom of this [webpage](#) through September 30.

To learn more about the Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity you can view this [flyer](#) and the Rural Prosperity [home page](#).

Create a Great Day!

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