



**MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
1 June 2021 9AM - 10AM on ZOOM
MINUTES**

Present: Judy Rowe, Rob Quartel, Joe Syslo, Donna Givens, Willie Love, Donna Dittman Hale, Jeff Beekhoo, Deidre Dunn, Pearl Foster, Nancy Welch

INTRODUCTION:

Judy Rowe opened the meeting with an introduction of Deidre Dunn. Deidre approached Judy after the Board of Supervisors meeting and asked how she could get involved. Deidre works from home.

PRESENTATION:

Guest speaker Donna Dittman Hale, Executive Director of Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance, presented the group with information about Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance and what her organization has done for other Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck Communities and what they might be able to do for Mathews as we look at ways to use our broadband to better the lives of our residents. She noted that BRTA was established in 2003 and operates in 12 rural localities of Virginia. The four grants BRTA manages included Eastern Shore I H Consortium, Opioid Response Grant, Remote Patient Monitoring, and School Based Telehealth. (See the pdf document emailed to you or the video recording of this meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS:

MiFis-to-Go: Nancy Welch reported the schools are looking at loaning an additional 20 MiFis to Mathews Memorial Library and include them under the schools' subscription because the MiFis will still be used for summer school. There will be an agreement to share the units and subscription with the Library.

Internships and Volunteer Service for Mathews students - Judy reported she met with Cynthia Hayes, Randy Applegate, Amy Dubois, and Barbara Van Over (retired teacher/administrator). Plans are to move forward and be ready for the fall with BAB sponsoring some of the internships.

Contract with Broadband Telecom Services: Judy noted that we voted at the last meeting to request the extension of BTS contract (12 to 18 months). Conversations will proceed with Mindy, Jeff, and the county attorney.

Note: Broadband Telecom Services' RF Analysis and Cost Projection for completing full coverage for the entire county will be sent out to everyone this week with a full

presentation at the June 15th meeting before advising the Board of Supervisors on June 22, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judy suggested we start looking at meeting in person.

Nancy Welch noted the June 22, 2021 BOS Meeting will be held at the Historic Courthouse.

ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CALENDAR:

BAB Meeting: 15 JUNE 2021 9:00 AM - BTS Presentation: Universal Coverage

BOS Meeting: 22 JUNE 2021 6:00 PM at Historic Courthouse in person

THERE ARE 5 TUESDAYS IN JUNE: no meeting 29 June!

Do we want to meet in person?