



**MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
8 August 2023 at 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

In-person at Library and on ZOOM

MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS Judy Rowe, Greg Lewis, Willie Love, Donnie Lewis, Pearl Foster, Marj Terry, David Daniels, Deb Falco, Page Herbert, Jeff Beekhoo, Judi Green, Rob Quartel

MINUTES: Approved as emailed with one correction.

OLD BUSINESS

Breezeline: All projects turned over to marketing. Total connected: 210.

OpenBroadband: VATI Grant Project, Joe out of the country. Greg Reid: Tarranna equipment is here. When climbers will take down and put-up new in the same climb. Downtown service from OBB not good. Jeff will check on.

Marj Terry asked about service outside from the towers.

Towers: RFPs have gone out for 30 days, deadline is end of August (15 September.) *Correction.*

Website: Page - needs more content. Waiting to update logo.

Permits: James and Ramona not in the meeting.

Reviewed Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), especially with Dr. Daniels, new MCPS Superintendent. He will help us to get the information out again to students and their parents.

Willie asked about Dominion getting power to the two towers. Question to go to Ramona and Jon Mohr.

NEW BUSINESS

Towers: RFPs for cellular and for wireless. Will help with telehealth and public safety. Looking for bringing fiber backhaul To Mathews.

Next Projects: Jeff - BEAD \$1.48M and VAT'i Funding. Wireless providers are not qualifying unless they can provide licensed frequencies.

Towers have four places for providers: three cellular and one fixed wireless.

Conversations with Breezeline about another possible VATI Grant with Middlesex and Lancaster. They are asking us to provide coverage through some other company for the households that they do not want to reach. Judy: "Breezeline has created their own nightmare by cherry picking all over the county. Now they have a mess to clean up."

PRESENTATION:

Verizon Proposal; Judy introduced the presenters that she met at the Providers Conference in Richmond:

Tom Walls, Verizon Director of State and Local Affairs for Virginia and
Chris Debosier, Verizon Executive Director Network Regulatory Team

Proposed \$26M - \$28M Verizon project for universal coverage to Mathews County. Apply for \$18M - \$22M from state with Verizon paying the other 205-30%. Mathews would pay \$0!

BAB offers to provide in-kind funding. Might not be needed in the BEAD Program.

Dr. Daniels: Possibility to add to the schools? To make a bigger pipe from the 1G they have now. Debosier: Within BEAD there are funds for anchor institutions. Contact state VATI representation about CAI (County Anchor Institutions) They have a very specific pot of money for them. Talk to them. For the county, Verizon would be the applicant for the BEAD funding. For the CAI, MCPS would be the applicant.

Speeds of 300megs down and 300 megs up is 3rd generation, not first. Not a new system.

Enormous cyber security network. Supply chain: Verizon/Corning They have all the fiber they need. At front of the line. Long time commitment to the county.

Willie: It's an end to end solution. Verizon would own the fiber. There would be no need for another provider for the middle mile.

Tom: Verizon was not using subsidies and now will as it can, but will continue on own dime after subsidies are over.

One of them will come to the BOS meeting to present this proposal.

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CALENDAR

BOS Meeting: Tuesday, 26 September 2023 6:00 PM Historic Courthouse

BAB Meeting: Tuesday, 10 October 2023 9:00 AM Library & on Zoom

*BOS Meeting: Tuesday, 14 November 2023 6:00 PM Historic Courthouse

*BOS Meeting: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 6:00 PM Historic Courthouse

*Special date

FYI

You can watch the presentation to the BOS online at the county website.

TO JOIN OUR MEETING TODAY -

Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 12, 2023, 4 occurrence(s)

Sep 12, 2023 09:00 AM

Oct 10, 2023 09:00 AM

Nov 14, 2023 09:00 AM

Dec 12, 2023 09:00 AM

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Addresses listed for both grants: mathewscountyva.gov

Breezeline VATI address: mathewscountyva.gov

Contact to get connected on the VATI Grant addresses

<https://events.breezeline.us/VATI>

AND Reggie Spivey, Direct Sales Representative

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Open Broadband VATI address: Contact openbb.net

Breezeline landing page for the ACP program: <https://www.breezeline.com/acp>

VA DHCD LECAP page Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP)