



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

11 March 2025

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Pearl Foster; *David Walsh; *Judi Green; *Page Herbert; Marshall Ruffin M.D.; Jeff Beekhoo; Tyler Beekhoo; Tim Doss; *Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members

Opening: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Minutes: 2/11/25 Minutes Approved as emailed. Willie moved; David seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Verizon Wireless(VZW) & Monopole Towers:

Hudgins Rescue Squad Tower

Jeff reported that everything seems in order. Some edits being done now.

Bohannon Fire Station Tower

This should be a lot smoother because we have a template to follow from Hudgins.

Verizon Fiber To The Home (FTTH) Proposal: Tyler

Application was submitted on 28 February.. Monday after due date DHCD did quick edits and will give another day to fix things in the applications. They will be awarding provisional grants to providers in mid April with official announcements at the end of April. Construction beginning around August, if NTiA approves everything. Applications covered 92% of Virginia. Judy reported from DHCD newsletter that there were 2,000 applications from 45 letters of intent from providers.

Public Safety: Jeff

Jeff said April still working on grants for cameras and call boxes.

Radio System: Jeff

Jeff met with consultant and others involves.m Jeff met with them at their request to provide information on a fiber connection.. They said they would have it done in 6 months. Fiber connection through Jeff would take a year because they had to install equipment. Judy thanked Jeff for all his work to respond to this request as he has several times previously.

Website: broadband4mathews.info

The survey is live.

Survey: Flyers with QR codes. Tyler will get paper copies out. Tyler will meet with MCPS and Resource Council to get the word out. He will also put it out a social media. Judy 'asked Tyler to got together to discuss increasing the outreach.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of BAB Roster of Voting Members:

Willie moved to accept roster. Marshall seconded. Approved unanimously

Chair: Judy Rowe

Vice Chair: Willie Love

Web Master: Page Herbert, Jr.

Financial Coordinator: David Walsh

County Technology Director: Judi Green

Library Technology Director: Greg Lewis

MCPS Technology Director: Michael Anthony

Telehealth Advisor: Marshall Ruffin, M.D.

Advisor: Rob Quartel

Plans for Capacity Grant Applications:

Discussion of details for these possible projects

Digital Literacy and Skills Projects (applicant)

1. BHAG Event: aka Tech Convention (Mathews)

2. Mobile Tiny House (MCPS)

Digital Navigations and Tech Support Projects (applicant)

3. Local Telehealth Room/Pod (Library)

4. Telehealth Geek Squad and Digital Navigators (regional?)

Judy and Tyler will meet to discuss further and to put together ideas.

A monthly BAB report will be written to the BOS.

Comments: Willie thanked Dr. Ruffin for sending an article about costs for telehealth. He noted how difficult it was to comprehend the coding.

ADJOURNED 9:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rowe