



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

13 May 2025

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Greg Lewis; *David Walsh;
*Page Herbert; Jeff Beekhoo; Tyler Beekhoo; Tim Doss;
Ramona Wilson; Deb Falco

*Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members

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

Minutes: 4/8/25 Minutes Approved as emailed. Willie moved; Greg seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

BOS Report: emailed

Verizon Wireless(VZW) & Monopole Towers: Jeff Hudgins Rescue Squad Tower

Jeff reported paperwork is all complete. We are waiting on the instruction team to begin. It will take 2 months for construction and then 1 month for testing signals and going live.

Bohannon Fire Station Tower

Paperwork is complete. VZW was scheduled to locate in this tower in 2026 but are now considering moving that timeline into 2025 soon after Hudgins.

Verizon Fiber To The Home (FTTH) Proposal: Tyler

Round Two BEAD negotiation ended April 28. We are in holding pattern. Awaiting announcement from Governor Youngkin. Apparently state is looking to close more gaps. State is wanting to have the plan for universal coverage.

Website: broadband4mathews.info

Tyler is going to work with Page to get more visibility on the website for the survey. Page will be updating site shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

David will now get the budget reports. No action there at this time. Tim Tillage will use that money to put up the smart pole signs when he can.

Planning Grant > Capacity Grant: Tyler

Tyler thanked everyone for the help with getting the applications completed and in on time. Submitted three: 1. Digital Literacy Class at the Library Hopefully wait to hear the announcements in late summer after the BEAD. 2. The Smart Tiny Home was submitted through the schools. 3. With Gloucester and Middlesex we submitted a Digital Navigator Plan. These will be announced in late summer after the deployment grants.

Survey: Tyler

Responses are increasing slowly. Would like to see more. Typer is coming to deliver signage and paper versions. We have until June 30 to deliver on the plan.

State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant Program: Tyler

This is a new grant which might require matching funds.

27 May - 18 July

\$50K - \$1M

Workforce Development; Business; Telehealth; Affordable Housing. etc.

Judy asked Ramona about when BOS must review and approve grants we might apply for. Certainly for matching funds, but should probably always.

Affordability Assistance: Judy asked Tyler why might be available.

ADJOURNED 9:17 AM

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Rowe*