



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

8 July 2025

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Greg Lewis; *David Walsh;
*Page Herbert; Jeff Beekhoo; Tyler Beekhoo; Tim Doss;
Joni Close; Pearl Foster; Deb Falco; Adam Beck
*Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members (**Appointed)

Introductions

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

Minutes: **6/10/25 Minutes** Approved as emailed. Willie moved; Greg seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

BOS July Report: Big news on and status of two towers. Updates on BEAD and the Capacity Grant Projects

Monopole Tower at Hudgins/MVRS:

Equipment to go on the tower tomorrow. 30 days to get antennas adjusted and tuned. Then they will turn it over to operations to become live. Judy has checked in at the tower to see how things have been proceeding.

Monopole Tower at Bohannon/MVFD:

VZW has started work. We are preparing to get the light on the tower that the BOS requested. The light os to go up at the same time as the antennas. Again, this tower is way ahead of schedule.

Verizon Fiber To The Home (FTTH) Project/BEAD Funding:

Tyler: Benefit of the Bargain Round just concluded. ISPs have resubmitted applications to be scored by DHCD. Negotiation round to come.

Website: Page noted no updates but asked for pictures.

Survey: plateaued around 50.

Drawing for winner of gift card at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Two Towers Breaking News!

3 major carriers: Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile

T-Mobile will meet with Jeff, Willie, Tim Doss and Judy today to discuss our opportunity to bring T-Mobile on our tower. Thanks to Willie for catching the notice in the paper about their search for information in Mathews County.

Conversations with Politicians:

Judy and Willie will meet with Warner's office. We are looking to get all the help we can get to move forward.

Budget: David

\$646.00 Locksmith 6/30 What was this for?

Total Year \$120,724.62

Remaining \$21,275.38

Estimate of the light kit and installation \$30,000.00

Planning Grant: Tyler

Will be finished by 15th.

Capacity Grant/BEAD Funding: Tyler

Tiny Smart Home: Judy

Contacted Bayside Joinery, Rick Andrews, for a possible tour for those interested in this project with MCPS. Lorie Andrews said it may be better for smaller groups. The school kept the funding for the project in house. We were liking to fund the smart side of the tiny home. Rob Quartel has suggested to get corporate sponsors, especially Verizon. After two years the project will be self sustainable. Gwynn's Island foundation has already contributed \$1,000.00 but said to come back, if necessary.

Hotspot Program: Greg

Ramona found money in the budget. Do not know about Erate yer. Able to upgrade all the 4G with 5G. Program still very much utilized.

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Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rowe

