



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

16 December 2025

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Greg Lewis; *Page Herbert; *David Walsh; Jeff Beekhoo; Pearl Foster; Tyler Beekhoo; Tim Doss
*Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members

**This meeting was held a week later because of inclement weather on 12/9/25.

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

12/16/25 Minutes Approved as emailed. Willie moved; David seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Monopole Tower at Hudgins/MVRS: Jeff

Everything has been tested according to Verizon Wireless. It will go to marketing when it is ready to go live. If your phone is not 5G capable, it will not show 5G. Jeff will let us know when it goes live. VZW lease payment started with monthly fee for December. They will back pay from June - November, since that is when construction started.

Monopole Tower at Bohannon/MVFD: Jeff

This tower is ahead of schedule. The fiber is completed. It was scheduled for 2026. They are testing now. They have paid December but will back pay from August - November.

Judy reported that she had called as a customer to ask for VZW wireless home internet. She was put on a waiting list. Other people who have gotten it are very satisfied. She also reported that is still a reel and conduit left at Bohannon.

T-Mobile

Still working on Hudgins tower paperwork. Expect them in first quarter.

VZW Tower at Cobbs Creek CUP: Judy

Judy attended BOS meeting 11/20/25 to support VZW on CUP for the Cobbs Creek tower. The public hearing was stopped by the county attorney saying that she had not read or prepared on this item. She wanted to postpone to the next meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for 8 December which Judy attended. She was able to speak on VZW's behalf. The BOS voted 5-0 to approve the CUP. The county attorney had added 20 items to the CUP. Tim Doss wanted us to know how upset he was over what happened. He apologized for all that happened. Judy has apologized to VZW (Rui Da Silva and Lisa Murphy) also. Judy expressed appreciation for Tim's support and the Board's.

Future Verizon Wireless business in Mathews: Jeff

We are scheduling a meeting with Rui to walkout some possible future tower sites that could be used to further the wireless service in the county, especially since fiber is still in the future.

Locks: David, Judy

Following last BAB meeting David and Willie went to the Hudgins tower site and checked out the VZW lock and found no other locks. David talked to Tim Tillage who said he had the locks that were purchased. Judy added that she had given the code to the VZW locks to Ramona. TMO also has the code. Willie reported that it was important that the code needs to be protected.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Judy, Tim

Judy had asked the question: _How will the revenue from the towers come into the county and will it come to the BAB budget? Tim Doss noted that revenue goes through the county offices to offset the budget with possibly no designated destination. It probably goes to the General Fund. We will follow up with Ramona. BAB will make a budget request each year.

RiverStreet: Judy, Jeff, Willie, David

Judy, Willie, David, Tom Bowen and Jeff met with Robert Taylor, RiverStreet, who had driven four hours from Danville to get here. Jeff said he thought the meeting went well. He feels like they will be a good partner. We need to stay in communication with them once they start building into Mathews. They are like al

a non-profit so that is how they can go for less money (\$5,600). They are a North Carolina company, who serves areas in Virginia. Thanks to Ashley Hubbard for her help to Robert in setting up his presentation.

Judy reported that the cost of service from RiverStreet was more than double for monthly service. Robert wanted to use LifeLine (\$9.15/month subsidy for low income) as assistance. Their lowest package was \$65.00/month. They have at least 10 projects awarded with more than 100 addresses. Asked for a timeline, he said they have to build from King and Queen to Gloucester and then to Mathews.. They do have an office in King and Queen. Jeff note it would be at least a year before they get to Mathews. Judy asked that they report to the BOS and the BAB regularly, monthly or quarterly. Robert agreed that they could do that. David assured us that he would follow up on that. Judy challenged Robert about not coming to Gwynn's Island. He said they couldn't cross the water. Tyler's aspirational goal: maybe we can partner with RiverStreet on some of our other projects or even a VATI Grant to put fiber on the island.

Technology Update from David: putting data centers in space because they stay cooled and use solar power!

Website: Page

Hold RiverStreet until we talk to them about our projects and how they might help.

Meeting Adjourned 9:58 am

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Rowe*