



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

13 January 2026

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Greg Lewis; *Page Herbert; **Pearl Foster;
**Deb Falco; David Walsh; Tim Doss; Jeff Beekhoo; Sherry Hamilton
*Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members **Appointed as voting members.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Monopole Tower at Hudgins/MVRS: Jeff

Verizon Wireless is checking into our concerns about the tower range. Hope to hear from them soon.

T-Mobile will have the draft lease for the tower at Hudgins in the next month. TMO RF Analysis Team working.

Monopole Tower at Bohannon/MVFD: Jeff

VZW is still working, It is not activated yet. Hopefully it will go live in a few weeks. Could we get VZW to pick up the reel, etc. left behind at the fire house?

Balloon Test on Gwynn's Island: Jeff

Rui DaSilva has been working to get the Gwynn's Island Baptist Church property approved for the placement of a monopole tower by Verizon Wireless. This test today is for historical purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

Light on Monopole Tower at Hudgins/MVRS: Willie

The light was not working. Zero power to the light. Anytime the status on the light changes must notify the proper authorities. Willie and Judy notified everyone locally. David, with his aviation background, get to the right people to notify beyond Mathews.

The light had originally been temporarily connected to the Rescue Squad system that runs the lights in their parking lot. When the power for the light was connected at the tower, it was apparently not connected to the light which was still connected to the temporary source. Willie was able to get in touch with Mueller, the original contractor, about fixing the light. After several trips they were able to get it running and now on its own power supply.

Budget: Judy

Willie, Jeff, Tyler and Judy worked together to put together the budget for the coming year.

Smart Poles: service from T-Mobile and any maintenance

Extend BTS contract for 2026-27 \$60,000

Marketing and Work Force \$5,000

Willie: Can we use some of this to help MHS with paying students to wire the Tiny Homes.

Tower Maintenance: Preventive maintenance \$1,000/month

Website: \$500

Convention/Seminar attendance, mileage: keeping ourselves up to date

MHS Tiny Smart Home, Smart portion: \$18,000 (If we don't get the non-deployment in the BEAD Funding.

Cobbs Creek Public Safety: \$500.00

We also listed the revenue coming into the county from the towers,

\$2,400/month for VZW at each and \$2,00/month for TMO

This will be presented to the BOS at the hearing 29 January.

BOS Report: Judy

Requested time for a presentation in February BOS meeting to let the county know where we are with our pledge for 100% coverage.

Website: Page

Let the public know what is available and contact information.

In closing -

Judy welcomed David Walsh as the BOS liaison and thanked him for his work with the BAB. She also thanked Tim Doss for all that he has done for the BAB as our liaison to the BOS. She apologized for all that she had put him through.

Meeting Adjourned 9:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rowe