

## **Park County Broadband Advisory Board Minutes**

Date/Time: January 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

**Location: Fairplay Community Center  
880 Bogue Street**

Chairman, John Carr    -Chair., Ron Rose     Sec., Pat Shepard  
 BJ North     Gene Stanley     Louis Gonzalez  
 Bill Betz     Mike Joffe     Jesse Mair

Others in attendance: Courtney Forsythe (Colorado OIT), Alex Telthorst (consultant), Charlie Wick (CTN, FFG), Pam and Randy Hunt, Trifon Gouvas (Verizon)

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1. Park County DOLA Grant and/or Project Updates

##### a. Alma and Fairplay Broadband

Tower: we have not taken delivery of our radios for our Zebulon Tower. Were supposed to ship on Thanksgiving week; so at this point need to research alternative vendors; looking to the manufacturer of these radios and some other distributors. Alex will need to meet with Tom E. to see what can be brought to bear to make this happen, and what our options are to wrap this up. There is no time frame for this.

- ##### b. Fairplay Fiber and Mosquito Pass –grant completed and have some sites on it. Need some more anchor institutions to come on. Alex will bring list of who is taking service. Rec Center is connected but not taking service. Ambulance and Fire Dept are connected up. Discussion followed about capacity and pricing for anchor institutions. Chris Byram can measure the capacity of the anchor institutions upon install. Alex has not heard from the health district since he quoted pricing. Have not heard from SPT regarding building out in Fairplay Early in January, Alex will check in with SPT to see what is possible for potential lease back of capacity

#### 2. Update re: Lake George Plan

Plan is complete; engineering drawing for the whole plan. Trying to figure out best way to put this out for bid. Colorado Fiber Community is in the middle of this project; in any case everything is ready to go out for bid. Just have to line up CTN Funding, DOLA, and County funding. Using some of the JKL pricing to figure this out because they were about 25% lower than other bids on our previous projects.

3. Any further information re: CDOT, Thomas Rivera retired and we need to find who his successor is
4. Any further information re: Staunton State Park Project: for now Staunton will use their interim cellular solution since the fiber could not be funded at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Harris Park—the Comnet tower that was going to be replaced in 2018, has not happened yet. When it is resolved there is a potential site along the County easement where the fiber runs for a pole that would be located in Mill Iron D with a clear shot to the Comnet tower. Discussion followed. Solutions are all speculative at this point and involve private companies.
2. No update about IREA and COBANK
3. Alex gave update regarding Platte Canyon School District: the County has provided the fiber connection for broadband; through CL both the HS and the Elementary. Mammoth and Education Superhighway are working through the RFPs to do a true fiber connection rather than their current T1s that connect the campuses. In this way the County steps back from being in the middle. Platte Canyon files a BEAR form to realize their e-rate funding.
4. School Security and Communications Grant Opportunities  
John Carr received a grant opportunity that has expired through email from Mike Brazell. At each school it is already in place for School Safe to have radios on site for emergency communication with first responders. (table discussion until Mike B. is here to let us know what he intends with this)
5. This location (880 Bogue Street, Fairplay) is reserved for 2019 PCBAB meetings. Would the board like to relocate future meetings to 856 Castello?  
Consensus is to remain at this facility
6. Carrier updates (Century Link; South Park Telephone; RIS; Eagle Net/Zayo; ComNet; Verizon; High Country Internet; Affiniti, Neteo; T-Mobile; others)  
Window is open for funding with CTN. Funding is now up to 475 million; 2018 funding window is backlogged. Need to get the circuit in Bailey funded.

Verizon: update—new CEO is doing Verizon 2.0 Consumer group, small to mid-size business group, and government group; now looking at 5G since infrastructure has been developing for past few years.

Re: areas where fiber does not reach—Verizon has mobile offices that are like jet packs on steroids

Alex shared with Verizon that we'd like to make assets available to work with Verizon to improve services to Park County. For PD and emergency should be looking at Cradle Point

Courtney from OIT: will be going over to Staunton State Park to install at their visitor center. DNR and DOLA Courtney just started in November. Filling in for Rodney today who is in Rifle.

Per Alex we have entities: Court, DA, and DMV where we have fiber to the buildings but until Park County can provide service (per Courtney Alex may want to connect with John Baker)

## 7. Other items? (Vendors and public welcome to contribute)

Projects for 2019:

\*Mountain Connect will be in Keystone: John Carr would like to do a presentation with Alex's input; Alex is in favor of it. It will be up to Tom E. if they want to fund Alex to be a part of that

\*Would like presentation to be given to County Commissioners in February in a work session or regular meeting to include what has been accomplished and leading into Lake George project

\*How do we spread the word about the Broadband that is available? We may need to pursue a traditional RFP to put out what assets Park County has available in order to locate another 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor (beyond SPT)

\*What are we going to do with Bailey? Alex will reach back out to ALLO who serves fiber to the home in Nebraska. Alex will email them today to get an update. Need to get something rolling in Bailey for 2019.

\*FYI read an item regarding small cells: court case about how much a County could charge. Here in Park County there is great support for helping providers to be able.

\*Alex filed remarks on behalf of the PCBAB board to support PEAK applications, but Alex took a middle line in those remarks.

\*Per Ron Rose the provider out of Chaffee County needs 100 residents to sign on the dotted line to go into Ranch of the Rockies. PEAK has

indicated that they will proceed even if they do not receive the Broadband Deployment Funding—it will just take longer.

\*Gene Stanley: small markets is specialization of provider—Choice offers service for \$20 per month for voice

A Placer Valley resident reported reliable service from RIS and that when Leadville went down over the holidays, he received a call explaining the problem—on the holiday!

For next agenda: add follow-up regarding South Park Health District

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 11, 2019

Meeting adjourned 12:02pm