

## Park County Broadband Advisory Board Minutes

Date/Time: February 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

**Location: Fairplay Community Center**

**880 Bogue Street**

√\_\_Chairman, John Carr    √\_\_Vice-Chair., Ron Rose    √\_\_Sec., Pat Shepard

\_\_BJ North

√\_\_Gene Stanley

√\_\_Louis Gonzalez

\_\_Bill Betz

\_\_Mike Joffe

\_\_Jesse Mair

Others in attendance: Commissioner Mike Brazell, Alex Telthorst, Pam & Randy Hunt, Christopher Byram, Courtney Forsythe, David Shipley

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Alex elected to give a Bailey Update:

Currently there is a PO between Mammoth and ComNet to feed Harris Park (mini tower in Mill Iron D—30-35' pole near Bulldogger and Old Corral) This would be for cell service & data service (transport service) with a timeline probable for this summer. Mammoth may well buy back capacity from the Parkco/Bailey CNF.

\*Following this meeting need to set up meeting with Alex, Christopher (representing Park Co IT), and Pat (Library) regarding review of capacity request for libraries—must happen prior to 470 filing.

Platte Canyon tower is active, but service (cell) is variable on both Verizon and ATT phones

Per Ron Rose, the app Signal Check can show exactly what tower your signal is going through.

2. Park County DOLA Grant and/or Project Updates

- a. Alma and Fairplay Broadband

Zebulon Tower—radios finally came in 5 months late. Per David, they (SPT) get these radios all the time. Radios are in Denver at the moment to 'get burned.' There is still solar power up there—need to check with Mark Ray to find out what more is needed there (per David even on Dick's Peak they will have to go with solar there at a cost of about ¼ million—at that location they could not seem to get Forest Service cooperation for the power needs)

Next update (March meeting) will be weather dependent as to whether or not crew can access Zebulon to hang equipment.

Re: power needs at locations, cellular companies ask for 100 amps (even though they need about 30)

- b. Fairplay Fiber and Mosquito Pass

Mosquito Pass solution is RIS with Mark Ray, Parkco will have the piece that provides redundancy.

3. Update re: Lake George Plan

Paperwork has been filed through CTN with USAC, so they are in their 28-day waiting period. County is putting out RFPs for the legs of the project that are not part of the backbone of the project. County will need to provide \$100,000 - \$120,000.

Alex has not yet met with the stakeholders in the Lake George, or rather he has met with 80 percent of the stakeholders in Lake George, but not yet with the school. The Fire Dept is beyond our underwrite-able area. Per Mike B, Fire Dept is anchor institution and should be included even as a separate piece to understand what that cost could be in getting fiber to their location across the river and just down from the library.

By next time we meet, we should be ready to request funds from DOLA. By then we should have educated the BOCC about the project. All dependent upon USAC accepting the CTN portion, and BOCC support.

Alex will reach out to local ranger regarding Spinney/Eleven Mile capacity and the Boy Scout Camp.

4. Any further information re: CDOT

Difficulty seems to be shift on CDOT's part to become income-generating. Alex will be looking for what permits will cost in Lake George. Per David his CDOT draft agreement from Bob @ CDOT is 21 pages. In Fairplay, CDOT would like to disengage from CL, and they have reached out to SPT. Town of Fairplay want Water Treatment hope to piggyback on project. Town public works could do the trenching; water system could become applicant for Tier 1 DOLA grant to accomplish what they need. Aaron Ward (CDOT) was unable to attend today.

5. Any further information re: Staunton State Park Project

Staunton is going with Verizon Cradle Point at this time. Per Courtney the new visitor center got their CO. The download is 10-12 MBPS and there is a cell booster as well. This item is closed at this time on the PCBAB agenda.

6. Further information on potential panel at Mountain Connect

Per John Carr, would like to present there as a panel. Does the County want to send anyone to present this year? The window is open for presenter proposals. When PCBAB presents to BOCC, the above question can be asked.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Follow-up on South Park Health District

John C left his card, but when he stopped by Dr. Fitting was not there. Recommendation was made that PCBAB may wish to have someone attend their (the Health District) board meeting.

2. Carrier updates (Century Link; South Park Telephone; RIS; Eagle Net/Zayo; ComNet; Verizon; High Country Internet; Affiniti, Neteo; T-Mobile; others)

SPT (David): Residences are up and running; MDU's (multi family units) and a few single family units. Also, businesses here in Fairplay. In Fairplay, Burro Days is great for reaching the public as well as direct mailing.

Sacramento is upgraded; Dick's Peak is upgraded in four sectors. Eagle's Nest will be tied into Como. Meeting with IREA to see if there is a partnership for the Bailey side. Preliminary engineering in Bailey was done for Fiber to the Home. Things to be aware of on the Regulatory side: changes in Net Neutrality at the State Level; private sector cannot go up against grant money. On Federal side: high-

cost support or a model-support. FCC /acam phase 2 is the new wave of support—it was supposed to come out in January. Model-support goes out 10 years, but SPT and RYE would have to be on the same plan. Focus seems to be on moving companies in rural areas to the Model plan to get residences to 25-3. A lot going on.

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

\* What has happened for former idea of connecting to Broadband for Distance Learning with Red Rocks? Discussion followed.

\*Per Lou G. very limited opportunities for adult education.

\*Is it this board's role to promote/market what assets/services are available to our communities/schools? A discussion about this followed.

\*What is the mechanism/funding for getting updated website information? And web design? Need to bring this up as a budget request when PCBAB presentation to BOCC occurs.

\*Per Mike B. there is a bill (similar to Illinois) to make it better/easier for ISPs to be able to hang equipment on electric poles. The bill is related to easements. The electric company could own the equipment/asset for fiber and then lease to provider(s)—developing.

\*Mike B. went through grant decision process of Broadband Deployment Board: 19 applications were received with about 5million on the table. PEAK internet had several applications—thrown out in first round (weak/incomplete app). Five of the nineteen were awarded; there is an appeals process now. Seventy-five percent of the 5 million went to Southwest Colorado for Delta/Montrose et al. Awards went to projects with 100-200 homes with costs-to-home of \$8,000 to \$11,000. We (Park County) should have had a project in this. Originally, our aim may have been to push out to majority of residents; now, it may be that a smaller project has a better chance of being funded. Discussion follow with Mike B and David S explaining the Broadband Deployment Board decisions and that process.

\*Back to Bailey—question raised about connectivity for the (new) Bailey Community Center that will house CSU extension office and PCSC office. At present it would be CL DSL with 10-12 Mbps. With 150' of trenching they could connect to fiber for less than \$5,000. Question was raised: what would be the process for coordinating/updating the remodeling of County buildings with regard to connectivity? Another new remodeling project will be in Fairplay for the Transportation Service (bus station).

\*Gene S. asked question about the Comnet Tower (replacing the COW) in the southeastern part of the County. This is in process at this point.

\*Per Courtney, even though Cradle Point is in place at Staunton, still looking for solutions—trenching in from 285 is still the barrier. Discussion followed about any County buildings in that area—there is Road and Bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 12.08pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, March 11, 2019