

Broadband Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 7/21/22

Attendance:

Ben Schaffle

Dion Reed

Joyce Jones

Joe Brown

Edward Clower

Alison Davis

Andrew Costello

Todd Mohn – County Administrator

Brian Riley – ICT Department Director

Heather Tinelli – Economic & Tourism Department Director

Andre DeMattia – Talkie Communications

Ben Schaffle motioned to start the meeting at 4:01 pm Alison Davis seconded.

6/16/22 Minutes approval – Ben Shaffle motioned. Ed Clower seconded.

1. Heather mentioned a MD BB COOP interested in adding another Point of Presence in Queen Anne's County - hoping to arrange a meeting with them
2. Reached out to The Hole in the Wall Gang and Bay Country was at their location today and noted that they would likely be able to get to them using existing fiber paths. He said he would follow up to let us know for sure.
3. The Town of Centreville had reached out to Heather to ask about money for broadband that may help them improve their current service. In talking with the Town and hearing from local ISPs they do have connectivity to the town sites. The County ICT Department also has funding for fiber expansion that they could get approved through Commissioners if needed. Town is thinking they will be moving their offices, so using an ISP in the interim may be the best move rather than investing in additional fiber builds that will be temporary.

(Talkie to present - Executive Session

Joyce motioned to close the executive session - Dion seconded)

Open session

Action - voted to approve a letter of support for Talkie – All in Favor
Joyce Jones motioned to end meeting; Ed Clower Seconded

Follow up email the day after the meeting from Megan to the Council to confirm that no motion is needed regarding the funding request from Talkie to fund their attorneys time to write the NTIA grant.