

## **Park County Broadband Advisory Board Agenda**

Date/Time: February 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: Fairplay Community Center

880 Bogue Street

1. Meeting started at 10:08am
2. Present: John Carr, Ron Rose, Commissioner Mike Brazell, Tom Eisenman, Christopher Byram, Randy & Pam Hunt, Annie Lindsey, and Pat Shepard
3. Agreement was made to allow Commissioner Brazell to go first regarding upcoming meetings in Bailey at the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District Station #2 on Crow Hill—Wed, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm and Sat, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am: This effort is reaching out to gauge interest in 'Fiber to the home' as a project in Bailey since all the technologies (except satellite) start out in the city, and how wireless has issues especially with trees and pine needles. Basically this is a starting point exploring the concept of creating LIDs since there are over 4,000 homes in the Bailey area. Costs would need to be explored as well as partnering with providers.
4. Park County DOLA Grant Updates
  - a. Bailey/Shawnee Community Center  
Week of 19<sup>th</sup> aerial is going in
  - b. Alma and Fairplay Broadband  
Shed is on Mosquito pass and testing is occurring testing will go on through February—Rural Internet services—Mark Ray  
Alex and Mark reviewing with Aero moving forward  
Placer Valley March 10<sup>th</sup>, Mark Ray will be there  
Not known about Placer Valley mini-towers, but a draft in this regard has been sent to Planning department.
  - c. Fairplay Fiber and Mosquito Pass  
JKL pulled in the section for the Castello St problem; backhoe damage—whole section will be replaced  
Senior Center—who do they need to talk to get connected: that would be Alex
5. Carrier updates (Century Link; South Park Telephone; Eagle Net/Zayo; ComNet; Verizon; CTN; High Country Internet; Affiniti, Neteo; others)
6. Further discussion about 2018 broadband plans beyond current DOLA Grants 1, 2 & 3—possibly to include consideration of a Bailey area engineering study, LIDs, potential development of community network, future development of a co-op along with ideas for the legal questions surrounding such a project and sources for seed money.

Projects for 2018—Comnet wants to pull COW out of Guffey; SPT wants to take a look at it

There is a reverse CAF 2 funds auction—there is a pile of money that is opened up to census blocks. Some areas of Park may qualify for it.

Cell towers for next year??? Comnet tower in Alma. T-mobile trying to work in Ranch of the Rockies.

Firstnet is what CO emergency services is going to rather than radios. AT&T was the contractor, will be coming through the State across the next 5 years.

7. Upcoming meetings in Bailey at the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District Station #2 on Crow Hill with Commissioner Brazell—Wednesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm and Saturday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. These meeting will explain the next steps for residences and businesses to work with service providers in order to benefit from the county's broadband infrastructure.

Support for meetings: Collect name and email addresses

Large Posters to gather feedback with little post-its to indicate—"yes, I will write the check—sign me up" to 'not interested' in LID approach to getting fiber to the home

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

In the broadband budget there is 25K for engineering—this is a matching program. So if a subdivision or HOA reaching out to a provider coming up with \$5,000 the County can match that \$5,000

An Update from Alex was received by email and shared by Tom Eisenman:

1 - Bailey - the aerial crews are ready to go and will be rolling in on the week of the 19th (next week). They should be working for 2-3 weeks. I'll be with them much of the time they're building to talk to landowners and explain the project as needed. As you saw in that email, mammoth/Centurylink are working to get bandwidth to the community center to feed over our fiber to the commnet tower. I'm glad they got out there for the engineering meeting because it means Centurylink is closer to actually building their piece.

2 - Fairplay/Alma - nothing new, just waiting for the ground to thaw in the spring to put down some concrete and tower.

3 - Fairplay Fiber - JKL pulled in the 24 strand to fix the Castello street issue. As you and BJ were discussing, this may not be the ideal fix. I am meeting with them out there next week to discuss a different method of splicing that could cut out the damaged piece and then rejoin the the whole 96 strand. The piece that got tagged by a backhoe and damaged is accessible from the handhole on the north side of the COB building and could get fixed with a single splice case. We do not believe there is any additional damage that we can't see underground.

Meeting adjourned at 11.23am

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, March 12, 2018