

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

Date/Time: April 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: Fairplay Colorado Community Center  
880 Bogue Street

Meeting called to order at 10:07am. Present: John Carr, Commissioner Mike Brazell, County Manager Tom Eisenman, Alex Telthorst, Waclaw Nieradka, BJ North, Ron Rose, Brenda Krage, Mark Ray, Pat Shepard

### 1. Update from Commissioner Brazell re: April Bailey meeting

120 attended; among the attendees were Commissioner Elsner, Brian Shepherd from the Broadband Office of OIT and David Shipley from SPT

From a quick polling of who was there: most seemed to be from Burland or north of Deer Creek Ranchos (in this group very few seemed to work from home whereas at the previous meetings the number of remote workers was higher)

The RFI has about 2 wks to gather responses; metrics are needed—speed tests from each house through the State website so address information can be gathered

Website for County Broadband needs updating: remove old survey; make the speed test button more prominent

John Carr spoke with Brian Shepherd regarding how many LIDs have been created in CO to improve residential broadband—zero, so Park County could be the first. It was mentioned that CCI would be a good spot for an educational session, but Park County isn't positioned to present at this point in time.

Also, according to Brian a neighboring county will connect with Commissioner Brazell.

Related to the Broadband Deployment Board was the passage on 4-2-2018 of HB1099 "Broadband Deployment Level Playing Field" This will prevent grantees from changing the project (e.g., fiber to DSL)

Ron Rose had the Denver Post article about Senate Bill 2, also signed into law on 4-2-2018 that dealt with High Cost Support Mechanism whose funds will now be routed to the state's broadband deployment fund.

Alex shared that the three meetings in Bailey resulted in 300 email addresses to which he will blast out an email to gauge interest: 'not interested' or 'interested' or 'excited to the point of writing a check'

A discussion of LID formation followed.

## 2. Park County DOLA Grant Updates

### a. Bailey/Shawnee Community Center

All aerial fiber hung and other all pulled: all fiber in place; Bailey schools will be served through Parkco and will be up and running by June 1 in advance of July 1 due date; where speed is 300 mbps it will go up to 500 mbps; where it is 80 mbps it will go up to 200 mbps

Shawnee has capacity to provide both County and Comnet

Bailey should be all done by July: in 60 days can begin to close out Bailey DOLA funding. September may be the best possible time for the 'ribbon cutting.' The pole has been placed at the CNF in Bailey, and CL brought an extra wave to CNF in Bailey.

### b. Alma and Fairplay Broadband

Zebulon: final adjustments of contract were made with tower contractors and it's now signed—ready to build as soon as snow melts  
The road is completed to Zebulon. Xcel will only go to the property line so County will have to trench for conduit the rest of the way up to Zebulon. Should be able to wrap up DOLA by Sept (for Alma)

The Fairplay school is connected per Alex. Government buildings will be connected by end of month per BJ. Completing the hook up of anchor institutions is needed to satisfy DOLA requirement. SPT has capacity for Parkco to purchase up to 800. 30-day notice to close out billing for Fairplay will finalize DOLA (Fairplay). In Fairplay next County steps include: 1) customer pricing 2) RFI and 3) RFP for partner

Asides:\* Istonish is vendor for court system IT

\*Sr Center would like to be a customer of the County—could need \$2500 to \$5000 to connect (may need to look to town or for a grant (El Pomar) for assistance

\* In Bailey, the 3 old USFS buildings are now County-owned

### c. Fairplay Fiber and Mosquito Pass

Fairplay Fiber was covered in above item.

Mosquito Pass: Mark Ray has completed his links (company name RIS-Rural Internet Services)—“live now”

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

T-Mobile emailed that they were unable to attend meeting this month will try to next month.

Mark Ray of RIS (Rural Internet Services) attended the Placer Valley HOA meeting. The agreement with Xcel has been reactivated and the Xcel transformer will be placed at the base of the road to Zebulon.

Aside: KSPR will be a new radio station located in the front room of Andrew Zimmerman's house in Alma. They are going for a FM license and they are hoping to partner with KBCU in Boulder.

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

Ron Rose reports that in Ranch of the Rockies there are 440 houses yet over 1000 properties and they are still looking and hoping for better connectivity. LID formation would be a challenge since property owners turned down building a community center.

Pat Shepard asked for consideration of Broadband issues in Lake George. Commissioner Brazell said consideration had been given years ago but it could be revisited since CL fiber ends ½ mile from the school.

John Carr suggested that everyone bring their ideas for 2019 projects to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:19pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, May 14, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Shepard  
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Park County Public Library Manager