

Park County Broadband Advisory Board Minutes

Date/Time: August 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

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

Meeting called to order 10:05am

Attendees: John Carr, Chairman PCBAB; Ron Rose, Vice-Chair & RORA; Alex Telthorst, Colorado Fiber Community; Gene Stanley, PCBAB & Park County Office of Emergency Management; Thom Rivera, CDOT-ITS; Gregg Davis, Fairplay resident & business owner; Jaclyn Terwey, IREA; Pam Hunt, PVPOA; Ezra Mehan, resident-Silverheels; Deon Kuhl, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Zach Taylor, Colorado Parks and Wildlife-Staunton State Park; John McCormick, CenturyLink-Government Affairs; Pat Shepard, PCBAB Secretary & PCPL

1. Park County DOLA Grant Updates

a. Bailey/Shawnee Community Center

Construction is complete and both schools are connected: Library CNF connected to Deer Creek Elementary; getting over Crow Hill was a challenge; there is also a section from the Shawnee Community Center to the High School

Alex and Commissioner Brazell gave ALLO a tour of the Bailey area. Just prior to that Alex and Commissioner Brazell drove to Staunton State Park to see the extent of the connection needed. Note the northern boundary of the Park County fiber project is at CR 43 and HWY 285

Although Commissioner Brazell met with residents on the Bailey side, it requires the residents to take the lead. The County is working with SPT and ALLO to help support the efforts for private companies to help meet the residents' needs within the parameters of what can occur.

Cost per home in Bailey (Mill Iron D) was about \$10,000 that seemed to end the conversation.

[Whereas in Ranch of the Rockies, the cost would be significantly lower but still with a \$6 million dollar cost to reach the 64 miles of roads.]

Have not heard news from ComNet yet regarding coverage improvement from antennas on stadium at High School (Platte Canyon)

If a provider came in and wanted to build off Park County to help serve residents and State Park, it could be about \$1 million to get to Schafer's Crossing area.

b. Alma and Fairplay Broadband

Project designed to bring capacity from Fairplay and Alma—tower being built with RIS (at Zebulon)

County guys are digging foundation this week for tower. Thurs framing will be done for concrete. Tower should arrive Aug 20 and it should be up by Sept 1

Contracting out for about 25 poles to get power up to site because it's more cost effective to do so.

Using drone tower height effectiveness was verified, and also developed alternative resolutions as backup plans.

Fairplay Fiber and Mosquito Pass Mosquito Pass—shed is being built by Rural Internet Service. Part of the service is development of a redundant path.

Fiber in Fairplay connects government offices, libraries, schools, Boys and Girls Club, etc. Others will have access to 200 Mbps at an affordable rate.

For the residents, a provider would need to come in and in Fairplay it is still to be determined if South Park Telephone can develop residential services in this area.

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

No vendors present [CenturyLink came a little later]

3. Update re: Lake George Plan

Sketch plan for similar municipal network in Lake George; charter school, library, public health, and some non-profits.

4. Further information re: CDOT

CDOT—Thom Rivera: Intelligent Transportation Services: CDOT has done fiber leases for years. Network goes from WY to Aguilar on I25. On I70 does not reach UT yet. Connecting border to border, both North and South (to Raton Pass) and East to West is goal.

DSRC radios along highways to communicate weather, traffic incidents for Smart Mobility Plan. Working on agreements with two COGs. CDOT is a bit fiber limited but will resolve this with builds. Going up into Estes Park and Longmont's fiber to the home and several other communities.

OIT, Brian Shepherd, has worked with both CDOT and Park County.

HWY 24 project will go to Woodland (fiber goes from Woodland to Divide at this time)

Discussion continued regarding CDOT's upcoming work on Smart Mobility; Thom distributed a brochure about the Smart Mobility Plan.

5. Further information re: Staunton State Park Project

4000 acres, opened to camping this year

Staunton will be hosting commissions and an education program. Want to make it state of the art for the work to be done and for the public. Looking at all options. Question directed to CL rep regarding what fiber is running along 285. Capacity varies.

Conflicting information regarding what is available—trying to work to find solution to needs for both staff capacity needs and public/visitor needs

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

Questions for IREA—re: providing broadband through their poles

Century Link representative joined meeting at 11am****

Question: about crews from Century Link

LeeAnn Morris director of engineering for this area.

CL doesn't have anything on the table for Park at this time—density and dollars drive the projects

CL Focus: 75% of business is business and 25% is residential. Goal is to increase cash flow

Question from Staunton to CL regarding not being funded from last round of funding from the State Broadband Deployment Board

Abel: Govt affairs for 'not Denver'

Newsletter will be forthcoming from Alex

What about grants???? Such as El Pomar or others for support for projects.

Next meeting: talk about formal recommendation to BOCC for Lake George

Since Fairplay has secured a healthcare provider, there is a request for fiber service and there is the potential for service

Meeting adjourned 11:55am

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, September 10, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Shepard
PCBAB Secretary
PCPL Mgr