

PARK COUNTY BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Attendees: John Carr
 Kim Burton
 Tim Burke
 Joe Keen
 Lou Gonzalez (phone)
 Bill Boles (phone)
 Amy Mitchell (phone)

Next meeting: Monday, September 13, 2021, 10-12 am, Fairplay Community Center, 880
 Bogue St, Fairplay, CO 80440

1. Announcements

n/a

2. Discussion

- John – attended Governor Polis meeting when he visited the Bailey area. Governor wanted to know what Park County was all about and business initiatives. Alex Telthorst – presented broadband information (copies below). Discussion included challenges within the county. Chamber of Commerce reps were there and talked about problems in business in general – one of the topics was lack of employees. Governor also stopped at Staunton State Park (I’m sure they filled them in on their need for Broadband). Lunch at the Cutthroat, where the Boys and Girls Club rep and Board of Alma reps attended. Not a lot of action items came out of the meeting.
- John - July started the next phase of funding from Broadband Deployment Board – 2 organizations have applied: Neteo for Will O Wisp, South Park Tel for Elk Falls Ranch/Woodside/Mtn View Lakes areas. Both were second time requests, both were approved in January, but didn’t get funded.

State has added funds to the Broadband Deployment Board, so hopefully both projects will be funded in this cycle. The Federal Government’s Infrastructure legislation contains additional broadband funds if it gets passed through Congress. That would go to the state level and no ideas on how those funds will be allocated by Colorado

- Amy – working with Coalition for Aging helping with broadband access for seniors.

- John – Going forward, if we don't get funding from the Broadband Deployment Board, we should try to apply for US Department of Agriculture grants.
- Bill Boles – ought to consider RF radio towers – might work in Alma.
- Lou – would like an update from Neteo in Friendship Ranch. Suggestion to talk to DOLA or Broadband Deployment Board to see if they have updates.



Park County Broadband Progress



- Governors OIT supported LTPT started in 2014, still meets monthly!
- Now called Park County Broadband Advisory Board
- Efforts of LTPT / PCBAB lead directly to:
 - 16+ miles of Fiber Network, 20+ miles of Microwave
 - Unified public networks in population centers for 10x-20x speed increases and while realizing operational savings.
 - Leveraged \$1M state funds into
 - \$3M total invested in Public and PPP projects
 - \$3M additional private and other grant funds for related projects
 - All Students can access standardized testing.
 - Upgraded Schools from 7/1 Mbps to 300/300 Mbps
 - If you build it, they will come
 - Provided Bandwidth and Dark Fiber to support five private broadband projects (with more on the way)
 - Private partners include Mammoth Networks, South Park Telephone Company, Neteo, RIS, Comnet and others.
 - Funding Partners include: DOLA, CHA/USAC and El Pomar Foundation
 - Lots to Celebrate! Lots left to do!

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Park County Broadband:

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7753 Park County Broadband: COMPLETE Awarded \$375,000.00. Total Project \$369,614.00 The Project consisted of a design-build the design, engineering and construction of a 1 Gbps / 10.755 mile fiber optic network to serve 8 governmental locations including fire departments, library, elementary and high school facilities and the Park County Sheriff, Search and Rescue and Public Health in and around the Town of Bailey in Park County.

7825 Park County Broadband Initiative Fairplay to Alma: COMPLETE Awarded \$200,000.00. Total Project: \$315,000.00 The Project consisted of Phase II of the Park County Broadband Initiative. The Project will construct middle mile infrastructure in, around, and between the Towns of Fairplay and Alma. This includes construction of an Initial Carrier Neutral Facility in the Park County Communications Center (PCCC), improvements to the PCCC tower, construction of a new tower between Fairplay and Alma, and the improvement of tower infrastructure at the Town of Alma Mt. Cross Tower site.

8209 Park County Broadband Phase III Fairplay/Alma Middle Mile: COMPLETE Awarded \$371,857.00 Total Project: \$721,148.00. The project consisted of the continuations of the Park County Broadband Initiative Phase III – Fairplay/Alma. This request supported the construction of community Anchor Institution (CAI) infrastructure in the towns of Fairplay & Alma. This project proposes fiber connections from a Carrier Neutral Facility (CNF) in the Park County Communications Center (PCCC) connected 20 buildings including County facilities, School, Fire/Ambulance/Recreational District Facilities as well as Town of Fairplay Town Hall facility. The project will also include the purchase of the Mosquito Pass tower site to create an additional path of diversity and redundancy into Lake County/Leadville.

9249 Park County Lake George Fiber Network: IN-PROGRESS Awarded \$200,000.00 Total Project \$644,963.00. The Project will construct a Carrier Neutral Telecom Facility and Open Access Fiber Network connecting Anchor Institutions in Lake George, Colorado including: the Library, Community Center, Public Health office, Sheriff's office and Public Works. Network is designed to also provide service to other entities in the area such as: the Lake George Charter School, US Post office, USFS Training Center, Eleven Mile Canyon Park Entrance, and Lake George Fire Protection District if/when they choose to connect. Project budget is comprehensive including all permits, traffic control, splicing, equipment, inside and outside plant construction, and contingencies.

Broadband Deployment Board Funding:

IN-PROGRESS #2019-23 Awarded to: CableCo LLC, dba South Park Telephone Grant Amount: \$604,471.10. Total Project \$889,962.10. Located at SilverHeel Ranch Owners Assoc. Addresses connected 207.

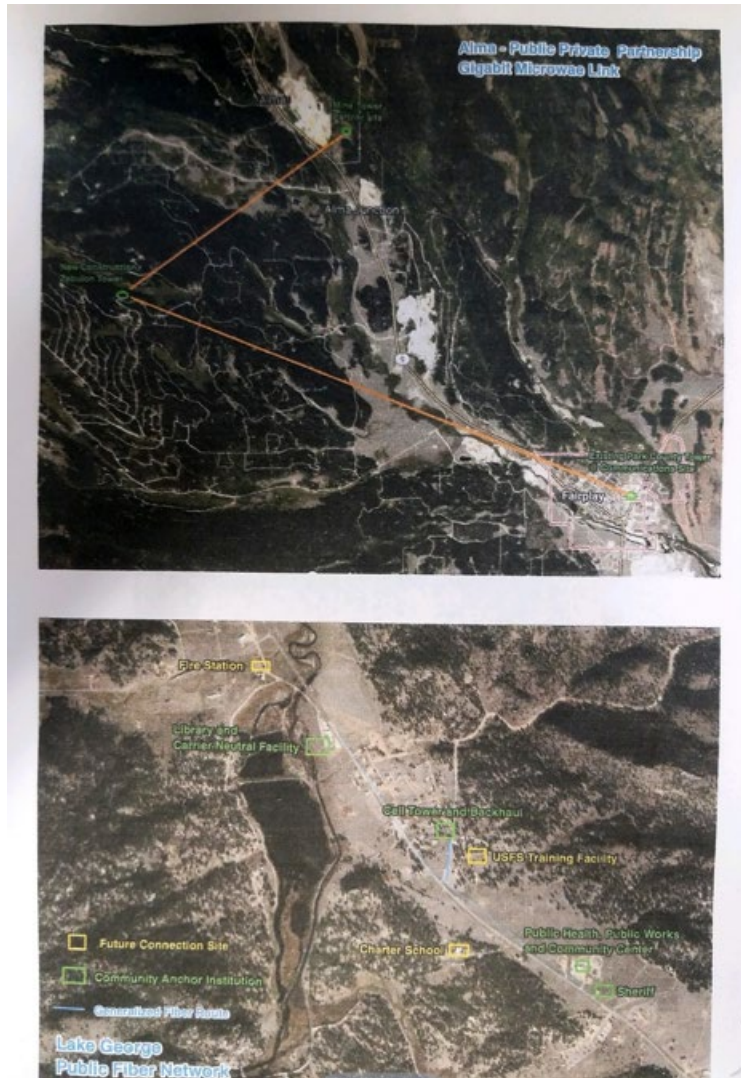
IN-PROGRESS #2019-33 Awarded to: Neteo - Friendship Ranch, Grant Amount \$375,000.00 Total Project \$500,000.00 Friendship Ranch, Addresses connected 233.

IN-PROGRESS AWAITING SIGNATURES: 2021-07 Awarded to: South Park Telephone - Burland Subdivision Complete, Grant Amount \$2,659,072.13 Total Project \$4,748,343.09. Burland Subdivision, Addresses to be connected 1374.

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