

# MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2020 10:00 a.m. Mathews Memorial Library

Present: Judy Rowe, Nancy Welch, William Vrooman, Chuck Huntley, Betsy Burkhard, Barbara Van Over, Willie Love, Hal Bourque, Amy Dubois, Greg Lewis, Joe Syslo, Emily Allen, and Cynthia Hayes.



## MINUTES

### I. OPENING:

Chairperson Judy Rowe called the meeting to order.

### II. MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved.

### III. STAFF UPDATE:

- a. Judy reported we did not get the grant we pursued jointly with other counties, and Gloucester did not receive their grant. King and Queen has been more successful.
- b. New request for grant proposals are for 2020 are being released. The USDA grant is open.
- c. Judy talked about the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).
- d. Judy informed members she went to the Board of Supervisors to request \$60,000 for 2020.
- e. County administrator Mindy Conner said that she agreed with the hybrid approach and that there was no word from the dominion energy pilot program.

### IV. Kudos & Thanks:

Judy acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Broadband Survey efforts: Barbara Bergman, Barbara Van Over, Amy Dubois, Dee Russel, Chuck Huntley, and Jay Bass.

### V. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Survey** – Judy reported the surveys are all entered, thanks to Bill for the computers and Chuck for his expertise. Chuck discussed the CIT preliminary assessment. He extracted survey data and sent to CIT. In the next week or so, they will be cleaning up the data. A total of 1,413 surveys were entered.
- b. **Broadband Moments** – the newest featured Buzz Lambert.
- c. Amy reported that PamunkeyNet efforts are going slower than anticipated, but encouraged Mathews to continue to monitor what they are doing, as they are in the process of putting together their business plan.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **2020 Calendar** – Judy reviewed the 2020 Board of Supervisors and Mathews Broadband Advisory Board Meeting Schedules (printed on the back of the agenda).
- b. **Budget** – Judy attended the regular meeting (January 28, 2020) of the Mathews Board of Supervisors, requesting the \$60,000 during the Public Comment period.
- c. **General Assembly** – Judy noted Pending Legislation HB 1332 (see website Commonwealth Connect for other pending legislation). Judy stated that Supervisor Melissa Mason suggested we write our legislators (Hodges and Lewis). Nancy Welch suggested we include the names of grants we did not receive. Judy suggested a letter be drafted and shared with our representatives, inviting them to visit us (attend a BBAB meeting).
- d. **Letters** – Judy advised that Board contact Wittman, Kaine, and Warner.

