



County of Augusta
Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee)
PO Box 590
Verona, VA 24482

Thursday, April 25, 2019 7:00 pm
Augusta County Government Center
Smith West Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Lawhorne, Riverheads District
Mr. Powell, Middle River District
Ms. Thornton, North River District
Ms. Carter, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

ABSENT: Mr. McHaffa, South River District
Mr. Craig, Wayne District
Mr. Journell, Beverly Manor District
Mr. Henderson, Pastures District
Dr. Pattie, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Susie Miller, Sub-Committee

VIRGINIA: At the regular meeting of the Augusta County Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee) held on Thursday, April 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Smith West Room at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

Call to Order

Chairman Lawhorne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was not present.

Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes from the March 28, 2019 were not considered.

Comments by the Public

Mr. Biskey, 1069 Parkersburg Turnpike, noted his internet was not adequate for his visiting son who needed it for his work.

Special Presentations

None

Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees

Ms. Whetzel reviewed a map of the correlation of user satisfaction with the number of devices used in a home. The map was based on the 2016 survey, and the data reflected that 53% of the users of 5 or more devices were satisfied with the service. Additional correlations can be reviewed as ideas arise.

The Committee reviewed the draft 2019 Internet Survey for Augusta County, VA and made final revisions. Changes included adding a speed test and a question as to how learned about the survey. The survey will go live on the County website in mid-May.

The Committee reviewed the final proof of the advertisement in the Summer Parks & Recreation Guide, pointing citizens to the website to take the survey.



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Matters to be Presented by Staff

DHCD will be holding VATI 2020 Input Sessions on May 17 and May 28.

There is a training opportunity on June 4 in Roanoke – Digital Southeast: A Regional Broadband Convening.

Committee discussed the need for an Education Sub-Committee. Mr. Rogers volunteered for the sub-committee if it was established. Official action was not taken.

Ms. Whetzel inquired as to the need for Sub-Committee meetings. None are needed at this time.

Mr. Henderson reached out to Senator Hanger (Commonwealth of VA) about setting up a meeting regarding Broadband.

Old Business

There being none, Mr. Lawhorne moved to 'New Business' on the Agenda.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2019 at 7 pm in the Smith West Room. With no further discussion by the committee, Chairman Lawhorne adjourned the meeting.