

# PARK COUNTY BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

Attendees: John Carr, President  
Kim Burton, Secretary (by phone)  
Christopher Byram, Park County IT  
Amy Mitchell, County Commissioner  
David Shipley, SPT/Highline  
Bill Boles, Board Member (by phone)  
Emmy West, Communications Manager, Park County (by phone)  
Nate Walowitz, NW Council of Governments  
Mark Northrop, Pikes Peak Council of Governments (by phone)  
Gabe Kaemingk – Rango Net (by phone)  
Deon Kuhl – Staunton State Park (by phone)  
Steve Wesoloski – KZ Ranch resident  
Robin Dales – Crow Hill resident  
Joe Keen – Consultant (by phone)

Next meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022, 10-12 am, Fairplay Community Center, 880 Bogue St, Fairplay, CO 80440

### 1. Announcements

n/a

### 2. Discussion

Emmy West

1. PCBAB website. Bailey Area Broadband Survey has been added to the Parkco.us website on 3/28. One survey for residents and one for businesses. To date, 164 residential and 17 business surveys have responded.
2. Next step is more utilize social media, HOA's, business, and schools for survey outreach.
3. John commented that results will require cleaned up to allow for statistical analysis.

Chris Byram – Update on Park County Broadband Activities

1. The wifi network is being installed at the court house.

John Carr

1. Recommends Park County hire a consultant Project Manager to support the daily broadband tasks/questions from local Internet Service Providers(ISP). Also the consultant would manage the development of financial grant applications to the Colorado Broadband Office, who will distribute funds under the American Rescue Plan/Capital Projects Funds and the Infrastructure and Jobs Act. (We are exploring grants to install Middle Mile fiber from Grant to Bailey and on to Pine Junction, then off 72 and 43. Thus reducing the cost for ISP's to deliver Fiber to the Home to the more remote areas in Bailey and Crow Hill.
2. Local ISP's have commented on difficulties obtaining approval from Park County for permitting and right of way activities. Commissioner Amy Mitchell will schedule a working meeting with the Commissioners for discussion.

David Shipley, SPT/Highline Fast

1. Highland has submitted a grant request to the Federal Communications Commission's ReConnect program to fund significant expansion of broadband into the South Park area ( South of Kenosha Pass to Trout Creek Pass and Hoosier Pass down to the Dicks Peak area along highway 9.)

Nate Walowitz

1. By August 2022, Century ink will no longer re required to repair broken twisted pair. This will impact a large number of residents and business in Park County who utilize Century Link's DSL internet network.

Mark Northrop – Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)

1. PPACG is working with a consulting company to develop a broadband plan for El Paso, Teller county and Park Counties.