

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 7, 2016

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll call (Introductions as necessary) Present - Brian Baxter, Katie Hulse-Lawlor, David Dillie, Jr., Brian Roinestad, Greg Kolandjian, Brad Shultis, Absent – Pamela Yeung. Also present, Mike Cannon, Rick Cobert and Shannon Howell of Stafford County.
3. Presentations by the public (3-minute limit per speaker) NONE
4. Approval of minutes from previous Commission meeting – Mr. Baxter moved to accept, Mr. Shultis seconded. Everyone voted to accept the minutes.
5. Agenda additions/adjustments NONE
6. Old Business (including members' general concerns)
 - Comcast contract – Brian Roinestad would like to approach the Board about being under budget and using some of the funds to help students who cannot get broadband, to partner with Verizon to help provide hotspots to these students.
 - Brian Roinestad outlined the main features of the new franchise agreement. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, when the contract will be listed on Stafford's website at www.staffordcountyva.gov. Brian moved that the TCC recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim County Administrator to execute the franchise agreement with Comcast. Mr. Kolandjian seconded. The vote was unanimous by those present.
 - Staff was asked to invite Charles Thomas of CVTV to the next meeting for an update.
 - A subcommittee was formed of Brian Roinestad and Brian Baxter to negotiate the franchise with Cox Communications.
7. New Business NONE
8. Discussion items:
 - Rick Cobert announced that the new Economic Development Director Bruce Register started that day.
 - Rick Cobert reported that retail continues to be very positive.
9. Adjournment – Brian Roinestad moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Brian Baxter seconded. The vote was unanimous.