

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (CCAC) Meeting Notes for January 20, 2021

Members and county staff in attendance: Vince Doring, Dorshae Demby, Steve Boliek, Muriel Cooper, and Bernadette Garrett

Meeting started at 7:06 pm

Agenda items discussed:

I. November 18, 2020 meeting minutes (Tabled – Need a quorum to approve)

II. Create Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021 (Tabled – Need a quorum to approve)

III. Broadband Service Advocacy Items

- **Vendor Broadband Support to Rural Areas and Pandemic Concerns**
 - Committee Member Vince Doring – Raised inquiry on updates to Verizon broadband support in rural areas; MCCC Staff reported support methods are ongoing to determine best course of action.
 - Renewal of Verizon Contract in talks / negotiations
- **Budget**
 - Allow participation in meetings on the draft Budget talks (contract)
 - Verizon contract expires 11/21/2021.

IV. Future Focus Items:

- Post Pandemic Advocacy Efforts
- Digital Programmable TV Guide for County cable channels
- ****Reach out to program content providers and request they push out information about their programming (e.g., website, newsletter, flyer)**

- **Informational Sessions and County Cable Data Retrieval (Tentatively Table During Pandemic Unless Virtual Option is Available)**

- Steve Boliek and Christina Junior will reach out to Montgomery County College Cable TV to identify potential dates to sit down and get insight to their cable program.
- Identify and attend (in person or via CCM) to public hearings or sessions pertaining to the county's cable TV budget and/or programming.

VII. Committee Action Items

A. Schedule Committee Activity Meeting (Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021 7:00 pm) to create cable program schedule resource that is easy to use for county cable users

B. Advocacy Letter (Tentatively Tabled): Draft Letter Outline is located on the committee's Gmail share drive for content contributions and editing.

C. County Council Public Hearing Schedule (Hearings Held Virtually)

- CCAC is looking for public budget hearings to attend.
- If we decide to present on behalf of CCAC, we will follow the fore mentioned procedures.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm