

**CECIL COUNTY
BROADBAND TASK FORCE**

MINUTES

April 16, 2014

PRESENT: Dave Warnick, Clinton Reddig, Don Newcomb, John Thoma, Danny DeMarinis, Sean Brimm, George Remhof, David Black, GIS Coordinator, and Jim Massey, Council Manager. Guests included: Peter Marsh, Regional Vice President, Comcast Business; Tom Yates, Construction Division, Comcast Business; and Richard Newcomb, Vice President, Engineering, Comcast Business; and John Ulrich.

Dave Warnick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Guests from Comcast Business introduced themselves.

The minutes of March 19, 2014, were approved unanimously.
The minutes of April 2, 2014, were approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Perryville Room of the County Administration Building.

Peter Marsh presented his analysis of the eight business areas along the Route 40 corridor, which had been provided. Of the eight areas, Comcast can provide broadband service to all except one (Perryville Industrial Park), which is in the Atlantic Broadband service area. Comcast can provide up to 10Gbps to business customers within 30 to 45 days, unless there are exceptions such as easement agreements. A map was provided to show Comcast service to these business and industrial parks.

Mr. Marsh explained that most businesses are serviced by "hybrid fiber coax" Comcast is not involved in wireless service. Comcast is upgrading service in South County (Earleville, Cecilton, Chesapeake City), which should improve services to business and residents.

Within discussion, Comcast indicated that it would be helpful if Cecil County Government could encourage Delmarva Power to offer joint trenching when installing cable to new service areas.

The committee requested a presentation by Comcast residential service in order to discuss residential needs in Cecil County.

Comcast Business indicated that they could be involved during early negotiations with new businesses considering sites in the County.

Scott Boone, IT Director of Kent Council, has agreed to make a presentation at the next meeting on April 30. Comcast Residential will also be invited. Additional contacts will be made to Maryland Broadband Cooperative to request a presentation.

The meeting of the Broadband Task Force was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Massey