

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2012

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Roll call –Commission members present were John Johnson, William Surette, Danielle Davis, Tom Gregory, Russ Moulton, Jim Minor, Bethany Miller and Shannon Howell from Stafford County and Susan Rodgers from Cox Communications. Russ Moulton acted as chair in the absence of John Lozano.
3. Presentations by the public – No members of the public were present.

Jay Russell from Verizon Wireless gave a presentation on Verizon's new product – Home Fusion Broadband 4G LTE connection. The service is available currently but have to have a certain strength of wireless signal to receive it at your home. There are three plans: 10g costs \$60, 20g costs \$90, and 30g costs \$120. The service is aimed at places where cable is not available and it is only useful for devices that can operate on Wi-Fi.

4. Approval of minutes from previous Commission meeting

Tom Gregory made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Moulton asked for changes or additions. There were none.

Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

5. Agenda additions/adjustments

Danielle Davis asked if staff can start getting quarterly updates from all the franchisees and give those to the TCC. Shannon Howell agreed to check on doing that.

6. Old Business (including members' general concerns)

Mr. Gregory went to Miguel Marciano's house and looked at where it is situated. The citizen is within 600 feet but he's outside normal drop distance. Mr. Gregory wrote to Comcast but has not heard back. He is waiting to hear back before he contacts Mr. Marciano.

7. New Business

*Mr. Gregory the following motion:

“The meeting agenda for the Telecommunications Commission (TCC) shall follow a standard order of business. Proceeding as follows:

1. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of last meeting
2. Presentation by members of the public (following agreed upon limitations and record of the presenter’s name, address, voting district, etc.
3. Reports from the representatives of the franchisees, with any recommendations discussed, debated and voted upon – if necessary
4. Reports from each TCC member on matters affecting their district
5. Reports from any subcommittees of the TCC, with any recommendations discussed, debated and voted upon – if necessary.
6. Consideration of any Unfinished Business from prior meetings
7. Programs or Presentations of Special Interest to the TCC from; County staff, Vendors, other county Commissions or Committees.
8. New Business

Mr. Moulton seconded the motion for point of discussion.

Mr. Surette made an amendment that the presentation of the public precede all other activities.

Mr. Johnson moved to table entire discussion till next meeting. Mr. Minor seconded it. Ms. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Minor, and Mr. Surette voted to table it.

*Mr. Gregory made a second motion, which was seconded by Ms. Davis on point of discussion.

The motion “limited the length of time of the regular TCC meetings, not to exceed 65 minutes”.

Mr. Gregory made a point of order, adding that the normal time of meeting should not exceed 65 minutes.

Mr. Moulton moved to amend the motion to say the TCC resolves they will try to keep their meetings to 65 minutes; that’s a guideline not set in stone.

Mr. Moulton seconded it.

Mr. Minor substituted a motion to override the amendment to make it 65 minutes after public presentations. Tom seconded it.

The motion passed with Mr. Surette opposed because they never know what they are going to talk about.

Mr. Surette made a motion that when they list the items on the agenda, they put a time frame on each item, and if the commission members vote to extend it, to list the duration of the topic in the agenda and then for the chair to enforce that or vote on a change on that.

Mr. Gregory wants to table discussing the amount of minutes. The motion passed 6 to 0.

*Mr. Gregory made a motion that “other than simple motions, that any motion of complex or lengthy nature shall be written out and presented to the secretary (County staff or TCC representative keeping notes) before the ‘Second’, and ‘Stating of the Question’ by the Chair”.

Mr. Johnson seconded it for point of discussion.

Mr. Gregory withdrew the motion.

*Mr. Gregory made a motion “in the event a quorum is not reached within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled meeting time, the scheduled meeting is ended until the next regular scheduled monthly meeting date and time.” Mr. Surette seconded it.

Ms. Davis requested to amend the motion so that they assess a reasonable time if a member is running late.

Mr. Surette made an amendment that all members that plan on attending a meeting have a responsibility to notify one or more members within 10 minutes after start time or meeting will be canceled.

Mr. Gregory seconded it.

Mr. Gregory accepted it as his motion.

The motion carried 6 to 0.

Bethany Miller, Stafford County Economic Development-brought copies of the Economic Development Broadband Subcommittee report that was provided to the Board of Supervisors.

8. Discussion items:

Ms. Davis made a motion to create a subcommittee to review the TCC charter and make recommendations to the full Commission on changes.

Mr. Surette and Ms. Davis volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Gregory seconded it.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Gregory made a motion to ask staff to find out what the status of the Milestone issue is, whether they are intending or not to proceed with an agreement they made with Stafford County for services.

Mr. Surette seconded it.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Moulton moved to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting is adjourned at 8:31 p.m.