

Information Technology Advisory Commission (Tech Commission)

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Frank Jazzo, Chair. Attendance was as follows:

Present members:

- Frank Jazzo (Chair)
- John Burke (Vice Chair)
- Laura Gross
- Prescott Burden
- Andrea Wingo
- Jonathan Adelstein
- Jim Smith - Maine (Remote - permissive)
- Dr. Michael Cornfield (Remote - permissive)
- Jacqueline Snelling (Remote - medical approved remote)

Absent members:

- Miranda Willis (Excused)
- Gary Thayer (Excused)

Staff and liaisons:

- Libby Garvey, Vice-Chair, Arlington County Board
- Richard Archambault, Staff Coordinator
- Norron Lee, DTS Director (Remote)

Member of the public:

- Louise Anderson, Verizon (Remote)
- Kevin Broadhurst, Comcast (Remote)

2. Public Comment

None

3. Chair's Updates

- Issues with ADA compliance to be addressed on website, presentation moved to Oct meeting.
- Update on Performance Parking Pilot (PPP) in Oct meeting.

4. County Website Update, David Herlihy, DTS

Presentation moved to the Oct meeting.

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5. Tech Commission Planning - Frank Jazzo

- Considering hosting a book club and potentially a meeting at the Central Library next year. We asked that Libby Garvey help moderate.
- Met with Arlington Independent Media (AIM) who's opening location in South Arlington, plan to follow up with them to potentially schedule a meeting in the new year at their new studios.
- Want to discuss potential collaboration with the Economic Development Commission (EDC).
- Expecting the release of the next phase of Broadband Study. Will possibly discuss it in Q4.

6. 2024 Legislative Planning

- Will send updated proposed priorities for Legislative Planning: cloud services, enhancing consumer data protection, and advanced technologies.
- Motioned and approved requesting Arlington County Board adopt a resolution supporting the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

7. Legislative Update - Frank Jazzo / John Burke

The Chair provided the monthly legislative update below:

- On October 4, at 2:20EDT, EDT, FEMA and FCC will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on radio, television, cable TV and satellite radio, and the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) on all consumer cell phones.
- \$1.48 billion in BEAD funds received by Virginia is a mixed blessing, as characterized by Virginia's Director of the Office of Broadband, BEAD has a preference for fiber, where many underserved areas may be good candidates for wireless and other technologies. Accepting BEAD money also complicates participating in Connect America Fund Phase II Model and the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auctions.
- The FirstNet school safety system being launched this Fall will allow school personnel to silently contact emergency responders by mobile app or wearable panic buttons. The subscription-based service also has a secure two-way faculty chat function and will integrate with school information systems that account for all students in emergency situations.
- Next month, FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel intends to hold a vote at the Oct 19 meeting on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to reinstate the FCC's Title II Common Carrier authority to re-impose net neutrality rules on the internet service, mirroring those adopted in 2015 under the Obama era, FCC eliminated in 2018 under the Trump era. Such a vote became possible because Anna Gomez was sworn in to the FCC as a 3rd Democratic Commissioner, breaking a 2-2 deadlock. Interestingly, two of the DOJ's solicitor generals from the Obama administration, when the first rules were adopted,

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have now recently written that they believe the new rules will be struck down by the Supreme Court absent explicit authority from Congress.

8. DTS Update – Norron Lee

- Executive DTS team visited the Equinix Data Center in Ashburn, VA to understand the services they offer and explore options for more efficient connections.
- Jamie Lee, Chief Data Officer, is kicking off a data privacy effort, initially at no cost, but eventually establishing a working group to assess what our current data state is. Based on the information we get in collaboration with other departments and agencies within the county, be able to inform the county manager of opportunities to improve data privacy across the county.
- County received no viable candidates for Chief Experience officer role in the first round. Plan to modify the announcement and re-release.

9. Approval of Meeting Minutes

None

10. Good of the Order

Libby Garvey discussed her concerns around security and bringing awareness to our reliance on energy and communication and the need for more resilience and emergency preparedness.

11. Adjourn

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

**Next Meeting: October 25, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the Bozman
Government Center, Conference Room 306A**