

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 3, 2023
1:30 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, and Ottice Amison
Commissioners Absent: Noah Lockley
Others Present: Mitchell Brown, Pat O'Connell, Cheryl Middleton, Adrienne Elliott, Myrtis Wynn

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Ms. Pat O'Connell spoke on behalf of the Local Technology Planning Team and introduced members Cheryl Middleton, Adrienne Elliott, and Myrtis Wynn. She thanked the members of Mediacom for taking the time to present to the Board today. She noted they have been very helpful throughout this process.

3. Mitchell Brown – Mediacom – Presentation

Mr. Brown presented the Board with a PowerPoint regarding the internet services provided through Mediacom highlighting these topics:

- Mediacom Services
 - Bolt in select areas
 - Fiber to the Premises in select areas
 - Hybrid Fiber-Coax (HFC) Network
 - 10 G
 - Mediacom's Products: <https://mediacomcable.com/products/>

Link: <https://mediacomcable.com/bolt/>

Tower-based internet service that brings up to 100 Mbps internet speeds to homes outside of our existing footprint. Currently being tested in the Santa Rosa County, FL market for Florida

The Future of Mediacom 10 G

Link: <https://10g.mediacomcable.com>

Speeds up to 10 Gbps

We are working with Cisco, Cable Labs, and others to help develop the necessary equipment and infrastructure upgrades that will allow our next step to a 10G platform.

What can the county do to help get high-speed broadband to every house?

The most important information we can have is address data. A list of all homes and addresses within the county and incorporation municipalities would be very helpful such as an Excel document of addresses, KMZ/KML map files of the addresses, and/or KMZ/KML official borders for the county and all incorporated municipalities.

Challenge all the incorrectly labeled addresses on the FCC Broadband Map.

- How to use the FCC Broadband Map
- How to Challenge the FCC Broadband Map Data
- ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program)

FCC Broadband Map Links

Broadband Map Link: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>

The Board and Mr. Brown spoke about the accessibility and availability components of Mediacom's services.

Commissioner Ward spoke about the unavailability of service a street over, we want to insure people have options. What is Mediacom's goal in trying to provide more services to the community? Mr. Brown said we are working to expand the network to new neighborhoods, and old neighborhoods that we have missed.

Mr. Brown said one option would be to send out a serviceability survey to each of the homes or have a petition style sent out to neighborhoods. Get a list of all signatures back to us and we can look at what we can do to expand services to the area. Ms. Gail Reigermeyer inquired about the map and data regarding her street. Mr. Brown noted she would need to contact the provider in order to clear up the conflicting information.

Mr. Brown said they would like to offer their assistance in providing an open house or meet and greet for the community. Mr. Brown said they could host it and it would be open for any other providers to attend also. He said this would be a great way to bring awareness to the program and assist with showing people how to apply.

Ms. Jerry explained the process of the Affordable Connectivity Program. The federal website is [Home - ACP - Universal Service Administrative Company \(affordableconnectivity.gov\)](https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity) and provides the eligibility requirements and services provided through the program.

Chairman Jones said most of our community should qualify for the program based on the school being a Title 1 school. Chairman Jones noted that the armory will be open for events soon and that may possibly be a good place to hold the open house/meet and greet.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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