



**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

7:30 PM, Wednesday, July 23, 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Azalea Conference Room  
Courthouse Plaza (2100 Clarendon Blvd.)

**MEETING MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

**Chair:** Joseph Pelton  
**Vice Chair:** Frank Jazzo  
**ITAC Members Present:** Larry Mayer  
Kenneth Cohn

**QUORUM NOT PRESENT**

**Members Not Present:** Kevin Robins  
Mary Crannell  
Ben Faatz  
Martha Moore  
Sal d'Itri  
Phil Caughran  
Tyler Carlin  
Anita Nolen

**County/Schools Staff:** Jack Belcher, CIO  
Ajit Arya

**Cable Company Representatives:** Louise Anderson, Verizon  
Marie Schuler, Comcast

**Members of the Public:** None

**1. Meeting called to order by Joe Pelton, ITAC Chair**

7:36 pm; Quorum Not Present. Meeting Agenda adopted informally.

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the June 2014 meeting could not be approved without a quorum, and no changes were recommended.

4. **Administrative and Other Issues:**

- A new candidate, Robert James Schill, will soon be appointed to replace Jeanny Shu Ho for a full ITAC membership complement.
- The commission was reminded that the next meeting would be in September, not August 2014, for the Summer break.
- The Chair reviewed the progress of the ITAC Resolution on Verizon FiOS power issues, and that EPAC would not be entering into a joint resolution. A filing was drafted and filed by the Vice Chair, Frank Jazzo, with the FCC. The Board Liaison, Jay Fisette, asked the Chair to give him opportunity to review and coordinate on future filings by ITAC.
- Regarding the Joint Task Force with the County Schools for technology, the Chair mentioned that he had no further word from his contacts at APS.
- The Chair announced that the Arthur C. Clark awards would be taking place at the Artisphere in Rosslyn, November 8, 2014. In previous years it had taken place either at the Cosmos Club or at IntelSat. The awards will be for significant accomplishments in high technology.

5. **Legislative Updates:** Vice Chair, Frank Jazzo, provided the following by email before the meeting and was distributed by Member Mayer in hard copy at the meeting:

- At its August 8, 2014 Open Meeting, the FCC will consider a Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that establishes deadlines for covered text providers to be capable of delivering texts to appropriate 911 PSAPs and seeks comment on potential improvements to current text-to-911 technology.
- At its July meeting the FCC voted to modernize the E-Rate program and to expand support for WiFi connectivity for schools and libraries. \$2 billion over the next two years will be dedicated to support Wi-Fi.
- The House voted to add an amendment to the Financial Services appropriations bill that would stop FCC funding to preempt laws in several states that restrict municipal broadband.
- The Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act would require cable operators to provide support for PEG channels. CAP Act supporters are also advocating that PEG channels remain on the basic tier.

**6. ConnectArlington Status and Telecommunications Master Plan**

- The CIO reported on the new initiative for ConnectArlington, where the additional fiber placed as a ‘strategic reserve’ will be made available as ‘middle mile’ fiber for purposes of economic development. County would use a licensing process for “first mile” providers to make use of the County fiber. There are other jurisdictions that also act as the “agent” for making their fiber available for use by other organizations.
- Role of the County would be to maintain the physical fiber, but not to market the infrastructure. Marketing would be done by the licensees.

**7. ITAC Resolution on Emergency Communications**

- The Chair read the Resolution into the Record, see attached.

**8. Adjournment: 8:00 pm**

### **ITAC Resolution Concerning Emergency Communications**

The IT Advisory Commission, after being briefed on the new emergency battery system for telecommunications services restoration as developed by Verizon, would like to endorse its implementation as soon as possible. If these new units could be made available at Verizon mobile stores and at the lowest possible cost and reduced shipping and handling this would be seen as showing Verizon's commitment to sustainability of service. The IT Advisory Commission would also support Comcast implementing a parallel system for power restoration for telecommunications service during outages.