INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION

7:30 PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2014

1st Floor Azalea Conference Room

Courthouse Plaza (2100 Clarendon Blvd.)

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

In attendance:

Vice Chair:	**Frank Jazzo**
ITAC Members Present:	
	Larry Mayer
	Kenneth Cohn
	Martha Moore
	Mary Crannell
	Robert Schill
	Sal d'Itri
	Tyler Carlin
Members Not Present:	**Phil Caughran**
	Joseph Pelton, Chair
	Ben Faatz
	Anita Nolen
	Kevin Robins
County/Schools Staff:	**Jack Belcher, CIO**
	Rob Billingsley, Cable Administrator
Cable Company Representatives:	
	Louise Anderson, Verizon
	Marie Schuler, Comcast

1. **Meeting called to order by Frank Jazzo, ITAC Vice Chair**

   7:30 pm; Quorum Present. Meeting Agenda adopted as amended in the meeting.

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the September 2014 meeting was approved, with minor change to detail about how Vice Chair Jazzo's Legislative Report was presented.

4. <u>**Administrative and Other Issues:**</u>

- ITAC is currently up to full membership strength with 13 members, including Chair and Vice Chair.

- The Chair reviewed the progress of the ITAC Resolution on Verizon FiOS power issues. A filing was drafted and filed by the Vice Chair, Frank Jazzo, with the FCC. A draft resolution has been circulated.

- The Vice Chair reminded everyone that the November ITAC Meeting be held November 19, 2014 and will start at 8:15 pm to allow time for member attendance at the Arthur C. Clark Awards at the Artisphere.

- There have been relatively few changes to the Cable Administration and ITAC Webpages, except for loading recent and upcoming ITAC agendas and minutes.

- The Chair, Vice Chair, Jack Belcher, CIO, and Rob Billingsley, Cable Administrator will be meeting October 28, 2014 with Board Member Jay Fissette to discuss current and future issues to be addressed by ITAC.

- Member Larry Mayer announced that once again, Arlington County, has made the top 21 Intelligent Communities as decided by the Intelligent Communities Forum. The next round for 2015 will determine the top seven. The announcement will be put onto the County website.

- The Vice Chair also mentioned that he serves on the Advisory Board for Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Public Policy with the Center of Technology and Government, and that he has mentioned that DTS would like to get an intern interested in use of technology in E-Government at the local and County levels.

5. <u>**Legislative Updates:**</u> Vice Chair, Frank Jazzo, provided the following report:

- At its October Open Meeting, the FCC adopted rules to promote the deployment of wireless infrastructure. The action adopts rules to clarify and implement statutory limitations on state and local government authority to review infrastructure siting applications, included a "deemed granted" remedy if a state or local government fails to act on an eligible facilities modification request as required by statute; and adopts an exemption from the environmental public notification process for "temporary towers".

- At its October Open Meeting, the FCC adopted a Notice of Inquiry to explore innovative developments in the use of spectrum above 24 GHz for mobile wireless services, which is taking place in the context of efforts to develop standards for fifth generation (5G) mobile services. Comments are due December 16, 2014, with Reply Comments due January 15, 2015.

- At its October Open Meeting, the FCC released a Report and Recommendations on the causes, effects and implications of an extensive 911 service outage on April 9-10, 2014, that centered in Washington state, but affected several other states, as well. The outage was caused by a single and preventable software coding error in a third party vendor's emergency call management center. The FCC's CSRIC was charged with developing a set of best practices in this area.

- Next Century Cities, a coalition launched with 32 cities across the nation, said it will engage with and assist communities in developing and deploying next-generation broadband Internet, with participating cities agreeing to share information on what works and what doesn't work.

- On November 7, 2014, the FCC will hold a forum to promote the latest advances in accessible wireless emergency communications, including text-to-911. The event will be free and open to the public. Live captioned video of the event will also be available on the FCC's website.

- The FCC seeks nominations for membership on the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Architecture. The Task Force will examine the costs associated with converting to optimal PSAP architecture and comparative costs for upgrading PSAPs to NG911.

- Marriott International agreed to pay a $600,000 civil penalty in connection with a Consent Decree it entered into with the FCC related to charges that Marriott had intentionally interfered with and disabled Wi-Fi networks established by consumers in conference facilities at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville.

- On October 28, 2014, the FCC will host a National Cybersecurity Month Awareness Expo to feature a wide-range of products and services to help consumers protect themselves through effective personal cybersecurity practices.

- US Ignite, a public-private partnership between municipalities, municipal-owned utilities, service providers and technology vendors, is seeking to foster development of applications that could best demonstrate the transformative capabilities of ultra-high-speed gigabit Internet networks.

6. **Cable Administrator's Report**

   - The Cable Administrator will supply the quarterly report of Customer complaints after all the company data has been reported by November 15.

   - Verizon's general buildout appears to be on track in terms of the percentage of the County that has been covered, pro-rated against the time period for installation, eg. 81% complete within 8 years of the franchise.

- There is nothing to report on the Comcast negotiations, but the franchise has been extended to end of 2014. An additional request for additional extension would have to be presented to the Board by the December Board meeting.

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

- The Cable Administrator and CIO reported on the progress of the "last mile" connections for ConnectArlington linking about half of the County buildings and Schools to a fiber network. The Schools network is centered out of the Education Center on N. Quincy, but APS has not yet integrated their network with the new fiber.
- The CIO also discussed progress of In Building Wireless for County and School buildings.

8. **Adjournment:** 8:10 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.