Telecommunications Commission Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Chambers

Commission Members: Chairman Kelly Carder, Vice Chairman Earl Cornish, Wanda Blackwell, Steve Herman, Mark Kaminski, Chad Perry

1.	**Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – Chairman Carder**
2.	**Roll Call – Present -** Chairman Kelly Carder, Vice Chairman Earl Cornish, Wanda Blackwell, Steve Herman, Mark Kaminski, Chad Perry **Also Present –** Shannon Eubanks
3.	**Presentations by the Public: Citizen names added to minutes (address, telephone and email addresses to be redacted before publishing) Brief remarks from the Commission at the conclusion of last citizen-speaker (optional) None**
4.	**Approval of minutes from previous Commission meeting – January 16, 2025** • **Mr. Cornish moved to accept as is. Mr. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept.**
5.	**Agenda additions/adjustments - None**
6.	**Old Business (including members' general concerns)** • **BEAD Program - Stafford County's efforts under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program are progressing exceptionally well. The County has received letters of support from all three major telecommunications providers pursuing BEAD funding in the region: Cox, Comcast, and Verizon. These partnerships align with our goal of achieving universal broadband coverage throughout Stafford, ensuring that all residents and businesses can access reliable, high-speed internet. The County remains committed to supporting these efforts and looks forward to continued collaboration as projects progress.** • **Comcast Franchise - For several months, Stafford County experienced issues with reliable connectivity for public meeting streaming, which was found to conflict with Comcast's obligations under its Franchise Agreement. A resolution was reached following ongoing communication and coordination with Comcast, and a new encoder was successfully installed on April 8, 2025. This upgrade is expected to significantly improve the quality and reliability of streaming for all public meetings moving forward. Unfortunately, they were unwilling to transition to HD as it was not a part of our franchise agreement yet.** •
7.	**New Business - None**
8.	**Discussion items - None**
9.	**Adjournment – Mr. Herman moved at 7:33 pm to adjourn. Mr. Perry seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.**
	Next Meeting: July 10, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. in Board Chambers

The July 10, 2025, meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.