



Virginia Broadband Summit – Partnerships for Connecting the Commonwealth

Roanoke South County Library

6303 Merriman Road
Roanoke, VA 24018

Summit Objectives

1. Leverage knowledge about successful projects across the Commonwealth.
2. Cultivate opportunities for partnerships to enhance broadband access.
3. Learn about federal, state, and private broadband resources.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2018

8:00 Registration and Continental breakfast

8:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- *Chuck Kirby, Vice President of Broadband Programs, Center for Innovative Technology*
- *Laura Spining, Director of Broadband USA Partnerships, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*

8:45 **The Power of Partnerships: Working Together to Strengthen Broadband Infrastructure**

Strong partnerships lead to sustainable projects that meet community goals. Industry and civic leaders will share insights and describe how they developed their partnerships and worked together to accelerate broadband deployments.

Speakers:

- *Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority*
 - *Robert Bridgham, Executive Director*
- *Prince George County and Prince George Electric Cooperative*
 - *Jeff Stoke, Deputy County Administrator*
 - *Mike Malandro, President*
- *Bland County and GigaBeam Networks*
 - *Eric Workman, County Administrator*
 - *Michael Clemons, President*
- *MODERATOR: Katherine Bates, Manager for State and Local Partnerships, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*

10:00 Break

10:15 **Planning a Community Broadband Roadmap**

Community leaders are uniquely qualified to assist in developing a community broadband vision and goals. In order to implement this vision, a broadband planning process should be undertaken. NTIA and CIT staff will provide guidance and tips for moving from vision to goals.



Speakers:

- *Don Williams, Senior Specialist for Broadband Development Infrastructure, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*
- *Chuck Kirby, Vice President of Broadband Programs, Center for Innovative Technology*
- *MODERATOR: Phyllis A. Errico, Esq, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties*

11:30 Lunch

12:30 **Proactive Broadband Planning**

Virginia locality representatives will discuss steps they have taken to implement broadband-friendly policies, proactively plan to pursue funding opportunities, and leverage preexisting assets to help expedite broadband deployment.

Speakers:

- *City of Virginia Beach - Debra Bryan, Associate City Attorney*
- *Orange County - Bryan David, County Administrator*
- *Bedford County - Carl Boggess, County Administrator*
- *MODERATOR: Caroline Luxhoj, Broadband Program Administrator, Center for Innovative Technology*

2:00 Break

2:15 **Broadband Programs and Funding Opportunities**

Listen to state and federal partners share the latest on broadband funding opportunities.

Speakers:

- *Tamarah Holmes, Associate Director of Community Development Policy, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development*
- *Timothy S. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Director, Virginia Tobacco Revitalization Commission*
- *Richard Jenkins, General Field Representative for Virginia, Rural Development for U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service/Telecomm Program*
- *MODERATOR: Courtney Dozier, Virginia Deputy Broadband Advisor and Chief Deputy, Department of Housing and Community Development*

3:15 **What Does the Future Hold for Virginia Broadband?**

Past and on-going activities have moved the needle for broadband access in the Commonwealth; but in order to bring universal broadband access to residents and businesses, we must accomplish more. Hear about the vision for Virginia broadband.

Speaker:

- *Evan Feinman, Virginia Chief Broadband Advisor and Executive Director of the Tobacco Revitalization Commission*

3:45 **Open Q&A**

4:00 **Adjourn**