

James City County Cable Communications Committee
February 19, 2009 - Minutes

Members present: Julie Leverenz, Richard Locke, Lee Laska – Vice-Chair, and Gerry White

Also in attendance: Randy Hisle, Michelle Salnoske, Renee Dallman - James City County; Steve Goad – Cox Communications

Members absent: Rita Davis, Ralph Frye, Steven Murphy - Chair

1. The minutes from the November 19, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. **Public comment** – There was no public comment
3. **New Business:**
 - a. Steve Goad from Cox reviewed the Quarterly Report. He made a note that the customer service number changes and that service calls represent the number of “truck rolls”.
 - b. Cable Complaints-Steve still looking into Julie’s bill to make sure she was not over charged. There is also a citizen that has been in touch with Steve Goad and Mr. Goodson about Cox collecting Row fees for the County.
 - c. Renee Dallman presented the Cable Committee with County News and Information and received feedback from the group on County Information - how they get it, how they want it, and what do they want.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Julie showed the group the wording of the broadband initiatives prior to the meeting by email and received a few wording suggestions from group members.
 - b. Cox Franchise discussion – The Cable Committee shared issues with the current franchise agreement and they think a 15 year agreement is excessive and they want to know if Cox is filing annually a complete financial report with the Commissioner of the Revenue’s office.
 1. The cable committee would like to have a public forum and would like for it to be a discussion on the next agenda.
 2. A sub-committee was appointed to work on Franchise agreement. The members are Lee Laska, Gerry White, and Richard Locke.
 3. The cable committee would also like to know “what are the advantages that Cox would have doing a local franchise versus going through state franchise?”
 4. The cable committee would like to explore York’s contract with Verizon, if possible and also have the sub-committee members meet with some of the members on York County’s Cable Committee.
5. **Terms of Cable Committee Members:**
 - a. Terms Expired: Rita Davis, and Julie Leverenz
 - b. Terms up for Reappointment: Richard Locke, Lee Laska, Gerry White
6. **Next Meeting:** May 13, 2009