

**Asotin County Broadband Action Team**  
**August 17, 2022, 2pm Meeting Agenda**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604918466?pwd=WVJ3Zi94QzUydzZ1L1RXUjNGSkEyUT09>  
Meeting ID: 876 0491 8466  
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2:00 Introductions

Brian Shinn, Jennifer Ashby, Mary Neuman, Erika Stricker, Wanda Keefer, Sarah Reeves, Debbie Baker

2:05 Broadband Office update/Questions

Jennifer talked about the importance of what the group is doing and used the redlining example.

2:20 BAT Web Page

Joe not in attendance.

2:35 Port Update

Last Thursday the WA State Broadband Office, the Public Works Board, Community Economic Revitalization Board (part of Dept. of Commerce) met to discuss readiness and barriers there might be to carrying out projects. Wanda said the right of way work permits are important to secure at the beginning. In the Clarkston Heights Fiber to the Home project, several poles had to be replaced. Many existing poles are too short to handle all the entities who need to connect. In a recent survey, Wanda mentioned the importance of two additional projects. One is the FTTH Parkway Elem. Project (Census Tract 9644). The second project is regarding triangulating to the cell tower south of Asotin, which will bring service to some of the more remote areas of the county as a wireless solution instead of fiber, but doesn't feel that will be an easy grant to win. Because the rural population density is low, the grantees score this type of project low regarding return on investment.

West Clarkston Heights contract is set and will soon be seeking the first reimbursement. The burial of the fiber is progressing well; she is expecting that it will be ready in 2023, well ahead of the Dec. 2024 deadline. She was pleased that the recent community meeting was well attended, about 75 people were there. Some attendees realized that the benefits of this project are greater than they anticipated; for example, when they sell their home, the broadband service to the home will be a selling point. She will be telling the ISPs of the benefits of participating in the Affordable Care Project. She mentioned the library's Digital Navigator service to the attendees. The residents in the other projects are more likely to qualify for ACP. Jennifer will give Digital Navigator brochures to Wanda for future meetings.

Grantham School project is underway; Avista has issued permits to connect to their poles. There will be over 1000 connections as a result of this grant. The rules keep changing, creating challenges for contracts already in place.

Debbie asked "How many households are impacted by these projects?" Wanda: "With the three projects, fiber to the home will be available for 40% of Asotin County households."  
Wanda will calculate how many residents that affects.

2:40 Digital Navigator grant update  
Nothing new to report

2:45 Questions/Discussion  
Brian wants to remind everyone that Asotin County is having a Town Hall on dam breaching. Will be held at Asotin County Fire District meeting room. There will be 6 panelists making brief presentations, followed by short discussion among panelists, then questions from audience.

Jennifer, Wanda, and Brian are all unavailable for September meeting. The next meeting will be October

Chat comments:

14:30:22 From Debbie Baker Valley Vision to Everyone:  
Wanda, with the 2 projects how many total households will be connected in Asotin County?

14:31:40 From Debbie Baker Valley Vision to Everyone:  
Can I take the 40% and calculate by the population of Asotin County?

14:32:11 From Jennifer Ashby to Everyone:  
CERB Community Economic Revitalization Board

14:32:43 From Debbie Baker Valley Vision to Everyone:  
2nd question?

14:33:21 From Debbie Baker Valley Vision to Everyone:  
Thank you!

14:33:41 From Debbie Baker Valley Vision to Everyone:  
No thank you

14:37:09 From Sarah Reaves (TSMH) to Everyone:  
Can you send out the info for this, Brian?

14:37:56 From Sarah Reaves (TSMH) to Everyone:  
Awesome, thank you!