# Asotin County Broadband Action Team July 20, 2022, 2pm Meeting Agenda

Zoom Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604918466?pwd=WVJ3Zi94QzUydzZ1L1RXUjNGSkEyUT09</u> Meeting ID: 876 0491 8466 Passcode: 425187

#### 2:00 Introductions

Brian Shinn, Gail Long, Chad Miltenberger, Wanda Keefer, Al Andy, Mary Neuman, Jennifer Ashby, Debbie Baker, Sarah Reeves

### 2:05 Broadband Office update/Questions

Imagine grants, Zoom grants, and Digital Navigator grants are currently available. State Broadband Office has new admin - Natasha Davis <u>Natasha.davis@commerrcer.wa.gov</u> There is a position for Digital Equity Manager at state office. Link to job opening: <u>https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3642352/digital-equity-manager-wms2-</u> <u>state-broadband-office-10392</u>

#### 2:20 BAT Web Page

Recordings of meetings will be on YouTube channel and linked on website. Joe incorporated suggestions from the group. The page is just about ready.

## 2:35 Port Update

West Clarkston Heights project construction will probably start after Labor Day. Meeting in neighborhood will be at the County fire station on July 25 at 5:30. The folks with underground lines have had questions about digging trenches through their landscapes. She is selecting an archeologist; hoping for someone with local knowledge. A few contracts have had to be modified to be in accordance with federal requirements. The low bidder is a Lewiston firm which is helpful for setting up community forums

The design for the Grantham area is underway, hoping to have design finished in this calendar year and contracts awarded. Starting the work in the winter would help keep costs lower because contractors would be less busy.

Wanda introduced Chris Rasmussen, the new Executive Director of the Port. Chris was previously at the port of Port Angeles.

## 2:40 Digital Navigator grant update

The library got funded for another year. The services are being used more heavily as the word has gotten out. The library has 40 hotspots, which are all in constant use.

Wanda: Reported that she was happy to include in a report on future utilization of high speed internet that our area already has a Broadband Action Team and Digital Navigator services.

Jennifer told the team about the Goodwill offer of free Chromebooks to qualified individuals. The library Digital Navigators would be able to help recipients apply for ACP money help internet service and hotspots.

2:45 Questions/Discussion Jennifer asked if someone could run the meeting in September while she is on vacation. Wanda said she could do so.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28.

Contents of chat:

14:06:40 From Al Andy (COM) to Everyone:

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3642352/digital-equity-manager-wms2-state-broadband-office-10392

14:08:22 From Al Andy (COM) to Everyone:

https://zoomgrants.com/gprop2.asp?donorid=2142&rfpid=2438

14:09:34 From Al Andy (COM) to Everyone:

https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-

act/digital-navigator-program/

14:10:01 From Sarah Reaves (TSMH) to Everyone:

thank you!