



County of Hanover

Board Meeting: January 12, 2011

APPROVED by Hanover County
Board of Supervisors

Meeting of 1-12-11 *CRH*

Cecil R. Harris, Jr.
County Administrator/Clerk
to the Board of Supervisors

Subject: High Speed Internet Update

**Summary of
Agenda Item:**

On November 10, 2010, the High-Speed Internet Group (ad-hoc citizens' committee) presented to the Board of Supervisors a report and recommendations regarding the lack of reliable high speed internet access in rural areas of the County. Staff was requested to follow-up after a review of this report on any additional information regarding County efforts to-date, challenges and options to consider. Staff previously presented an update on this topic on August 27, 2008.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET COMMITTEE

Mr. Gordon moved that we establish a committee to review the recommendations of the HSIG Committee and determine a path of further research and analysis for the purpose of identifying opportunities to facilitate County-wide availability of high speed internet services. Mr. Gordon suggested the committee be a standing committee composed of two board members, staff support as determined by the County Administrator and two citizen representatives from each district. I would suggest that the committee meet monthly initially and then determine a calendar that is appropriate based on what their particular goals might be. I would suggest that the committee bring a quarterly report to this board. The motion is that the Board establishes a committee to review the recommendations of the high speed internet group and determine a path of further research and analysis for the purposes of identifying opportunities to facilitate county-wide availability of high speed internet services.

Seconded by Mr. Stanley for further debate and concerned with the amount of staff time that may be involved and requested they meet initially without staff.

Mr. McGhee introduced a substitution motion to have the committee as stated by Mr. Gordon but to have it sunset as of December 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Setliff.

Motion Carries 5:2 (Winans/Gordon-No)

Mr. Gordon clarified that a committee may be sunset at any time by the Board and any sunset committee may be continued by the Board at any time.

Motion Carries 7:0

Mr. Gordon asked Board Members to come to the next meeting with recommendations of positions on the committee.