

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AT THE CITY HALL 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE,  
MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

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Council Members Present:

Wayne Browning, Mayor  
Marcus “Marc” Decker, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer  
Alisha Beck  
Bradley Smith  
RaShonda Croskey

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk (Absent)  
Melissa Arnold, Deputy Clerk  
Larry Tibbs, City Manager  
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF STATE BEAD CHALLENGE  
FUNDING FOR BROADBAND AND DISCUSSION/ DIRECTION OF POSSIBLE  
ALTERNATIVES OF BROADBAND BEING PROPOSED IN THE CITY:**

**Tibbs** states we looked at the records and going back in 10/05/1982 ordinance #160 the City awarded a non-exclusive franchise for cable to J & C highline & Construction it was for 20 years. In 09/07/1988 it was transferred to Florida Cable Vision Management and then in 06/08/1998 they transferred it to Telestatic and carrying it forward in 10/01/1999 to Adelphia. In 2002 Adelphia was forced into liquidation. So technically that franchise agreement has expired, and no one has done anything on either part. The BEAD program has been paused by the Federal Government. There are a few articles out about Rick Scott who has proposed a Broadband Build Out Accountability Act. The State does not have any maps as of yet showing what is served and underserved. I don't think the BEAD program is going to be available anytime soon. The first proposal from Conexon was based on underground fiber optics. They have now come back with a 90% aerial on the poles and 10% underground. One option we can do is get a loan to fund this or the second option is we provide funding for it which looks about \$932,000.00 to build out the fiber optic throughout the City. The two comparisons look simpler.

**Beck** states do they have it set up where they collect the money or will the utility be paid here to us.

**Tibbs** states there would be two revenue sources from the office and the other is fiber lease revenue. they would operate the office and collect, and then we would get our share.

**Croskey** states where is states services pass 857, is the number of customers they are going to start with.

**Tibbs** states yes, the areal miles are 21, 2 miles is where they drop to run to the house so, that's a total of 23 miles. What I have found out from other installations is they put in a certain factor in there for an estimate on bad poles and as they are doing this project they repair those poles.

**Browning** states is the County looking into this as well.

**Tibbs** states no.

**Beck** states Glades Electric already has it. Most of the County is covered by Glades Electric.

**Tibbs** states the only area in the County that was not covered was Muse and that's because they are on FPL, so I think they have Stram line.

**Beck** states was Xfinity granted a grant to provide broadband for the City.

**Tibbs** states Xfinity used a map that showed boundaries of served and underserved areas which included Moore Have, Lakeport and Ortona. There grant states they wanted to add 160 miles of fiber optic cable to provide FGTH services to 4,651 served and underserved locations within Glades County with minimal symmetrical download speeds of 1GB. I keep checking the County and they have not pulled any permits yet.

**Beck** states I this is a lot of money; I don't think it's the time for us to be in the internet business yet. I know eventually it will bring revenue. We do have other options for internet. So, it's not like we are sitting in the middle of nowhere and need to get internet to our people.

**Browning** states I would prefer to give our people what we need such as water and sewer. If we are going to spend a million dollars, let's spend it there.

**Council** agrees.

## **ITEM 2: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

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**Melissa Arnold, Deputy Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

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**Wayne Browning, Mayor**