

CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA

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****NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING****

AGENDA PLEASE POST

PLACE OF MEETING: Churchill County Administrative Building, Commission Chambers,

155 North Taylor Street, Suite 102,

Fallon, Nevada

DATE & TIME: March 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM

TYPE OF MEETING: <u>BUDGET WORKSHOP</u>, CC Communications Management Meeting

If you wish to make public comment, you may provide them at the meeting or via email, no later than 4:30 PM the day before the meeting, to shelly.bunyard@cccomm.co.

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- II. Action will be taken on all Agenda items, unless otherwise noted.
- III. The Agenda is a tentative schedule. The CC Communications Management Board may act upon Agenda items in a different order than is stated in this notice so as to affect the people's business in the most efficient manner possible.

- IV. In the interest of time, the CC Communications Management Board reserves the right to impose uniform time limits upon matters devoted to public comment.
- V. Any statement made by a member of the CC Communications Management Board during the public meeting is absolutely privileged.
- VI. All persons participating in the meetings are put on notice that an audio and video recording is made of these meetings.

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Public Comment.
- 3. Verification of Posting of Agenda.
- 4. Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised.
- 5. New Business.
 - A. Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of the 2025 2026 Fiscal Year Budget Workshop
- 6. Affidavit of Posting:
- 7. Public Comment.
- 8. Adjournment.

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STATE OF NEVADA ) : ss.
County of Churchill )
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- 1. Churchill County Administration Building, 155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV;
- 2. The CC Communications Website @ www.cccomm.info;
- 3. The State of Nevada Website @ https://notice.nv.gov/.

Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant

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Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant, who was subscribed and sworn to before me this March 20, 2025

Samela J'Moore

Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Endnotes:

Disclosures:

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 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- 2. Fax: (202)690-7442; or
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^{*}The public meetings may be conducted according to rules of parliamentary procedure.

^{*}Persons providing public comment will be asked to state their name for the record.

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persons in the public meeting where the conduct of such persons is willfully disruptive to the people's business.

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Motion:

CC Communications Agenda Report

Date Submitted: March 12, 2025		Agenda Item #: New Business - A Meeting Date Requested: March 26, 2025		
To: From: Subject Title:	Board of Churchill County Commissioners Jamie Hyde, Chief Financial Officer Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of the 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year Budget Workshop			
Type of Action Requested: None; Informational Only				
Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No				
Recommend Board Action: None; informational only.				
Discussion: Presentation to the Board of the 2025 - 2026 Budget Workshop, Powerpoint presentation is attached.				
Alternatives:	N/A			
Fiscal Impact	: Budget for 2025 - 2026			
Explanation of Impact: N/A				
Funding Source: 2025 - 2026				
Prepared By: Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant				
Reviewed By:				
	Mark Feest, General Manager	Date: March 19, 2025		
	Jamie Hyde, Chief Financial Officer	Date: March 19, 2025		
Board Action	Taken:			

1) None

2) None

Aye: 0

Nay: 0

(Vote Recorded By)



2025 Budget Workshop

2025-2026 Budget Overview



Agenda

CC Communications

Made up of four companies:

Telephone

Broadband

Long Distance

CAP

- Budget Process
- Challenges/Accomplishments
- Revenue Forecasts
- Financial Overview & Capital Budget
- Projects and Actions

2025-2026 Budget Process

- Development of the FY 25-26 budget used incremental budgeting.
- The Revenue budget is based on target market characteristics, strategic goals, and changes to the regulatory regime. The projections in the FY 2026 budget are primarily driven by the continued implementation of the Consumer Only Broadband Loop (CBOL) support mechanism, Competitive deployments, the evolution of the communications industry, customer preferences, and general economic conditions.
- Development of the Capital budget consisted of group and individual department collaboration to determine project needs and prioritization consistent with long term strategy of the company. Long term strategy includes identifying end of life assets and determining a replacement schedule.



- ◆ Inflation
 - ◆YoY 2.89%
 - ♦32.2% increase over last decade
 - ♦27.5% inflation since 2017
- ◆Downward Pricing Pressure
 - ♦YoY 9.4% decrease
 - ◆Real BPI-Speed prices decrease 59.9% over last decade
 - ♦21.4% price decrease since 2017
- **◆**Attrition

Significant Factors Impacting Budget Process Overall (1)

- CLEC revenue opportunities
- Downward pricing pressure and relentless competitor marketing continues to erode profitability.
- Customer preferences
- Transport Network and Business Product Catalogue
- Grant Projects



Significant Factors Impacting Budget Process Overall (2)

- Capital requirements for out of area Broadband projects
- Capital spend for Fixed Wireless Solutions
- Changes to the Regional long-haul landscape
- Staffing requirements
- Cash flow

Significant Factors Impacting Network Evolution

Competition and Downward pricing pressures

Redundancy and Reliability

Staffing requirements



- Approximately 37% complete with SCA Grant
- ◆ IPTV wind-up within acceptable range for customer attrition
- FTTH in Churchill County transitioned to internal crews
- Agreement with Storey County for FTTH Deployment



- Successful test of Tarana Wireless ready for addition to services
- Physical Deployment of C15
- Physical Deployment of Ribbon Transport Gear
- Migration of North route to Ribbon

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Benchmarks (1)

- ◆ EBITDA
- ◆ EBITDA Less USF
- Revenue per employee
- Payroll as Percentage of Revenue
- Revenue/BB Subscriber
- CAPEX as % of Revenue



Benchmarks (2)

	Benchmark	23/24	Annualized 24/25	Budget 25/26
EBITDA	39.9%	37.1%	42%	47%
EBITDA Less USF	2.6%	4.7%	8.7%	16%
Rev/Employee	\$440,415	\$479,465	\$540,519	\$556,780
Rev/BB Sub	\$3,360	\$3,673	\$3,683	\$3,767
Payroll % of Rev	28.1%	27.5%	26.1%	26.04%
CAPEX % of Rev	24%	19%	24.2%	32.1%



Actions (1)

- Enhancing the broadband customer experience (CX)
- Reducing trouble ticket impact
 - Example
- Increasing capacity through Capital projects
 - Redundancy
 - Reliability

Actions (2)

- Enhance Business Catalogue and Sales
 - Developing and Maximizing fiber assets outside of Churchill County
- Growth opportunities in other counties through grant partnership
 - Storey County
 - Yerington Paiute Tribe

Capital Expense

Estimated Current Fiscal Year 24/25

- > TEL: \$ 1,866,302
- Broadband: \$ 270,428
- > CAP: \$ 4,338,842

Budgeted Fiscal Year 25/26

- > TEL: \$ 1,573,347
- Broadband: \$ 571,094
- > CAP: \$ 5,906,906

Capital Projects (1)

- Churchill County
 - -221 FTTH
 - -740 Tarana
- Network Upgrades
 - Reliability and Redundancy
 - **◆**TDM Circuit Emulation
 - ◆VSP Replacement
 - ◆DHCP, IpV4 transition and Firewall

Capital Projects (2)

- Storey County
 - Virginia City in progress
 - \rightarrow ETA = Quarter 2 FY 25/26
 - ◆Target Annual Revenue = \$315,000
 - Virginia City Highlands
 - \rightarrow ETA = Quarter 2 FY 26/27
 - ◆Target Annual Revenue = \$565,000

Capital Projects (3)

◆ SCA

- -37% complete
- Tract 400 complete
- Tract 300 in-progress
- Target 1300 1600 homes in 25/26
- Target 57% 63% complete in 25/26

Capital Projects (4)

- ◆ Tarana
 - Churchill County
 - Address remaining copper locations that are uneconomical to reach with FTTH
 - ◆ Create wireless redundant last mile network
 - Measure demand for redundant middle mile network product

Capital Projects (5)

- Tarana Test Bed Deployment
 - CLEC
 - ◆Cost Target = \$1,800 per customer
 - Not per location as with fiber
 - ◆Revenue Target
 - \$105,000
 - → Finalize location
 - Dependent upon tower and backhaul

Capital Projects (6)

- Tribal Grants
 - YPT
 - ◆EAS at NTIA
 - FPST
 - ◆Final Agreements?
 - ◆EAS
 - ♦6- Month Plan

2024-2025 Annualized Compared to Budget - Telephone

(in millions)	2024-25	2025-26
	Annualized	Budget
Revenues - regulated / deregulated	\$15,326,645	\$15,026,735
Expenses - regulated / deregulated	\$12,027,980	\$13,025,020
Net Income(Loss)	\$3,298,665	\$2,001,715
Capital	\$1,866,302	\$1,573,347
PILT	\$473,686	\$476,734
Total Net Assets	\$41,609,037	\$43,610,752

⁻ Net Income based upon additional transfer of profit eliminated from "Expenses-regulated / deregulated" for 24-25 and returned for budget year 25-26.

2024-2025 Annualized - 2025-2026 Budget All Companies

	2024-25	2025-26
	Annualized	Budget
Revenues	\$24,323,366	\$25,339,235
Expenses	\$19,292,420	\$19,506,050
Net Income	\$5,030,946	\$5,833,185
Capital Projects	\$6,475,572	\$8,051,347

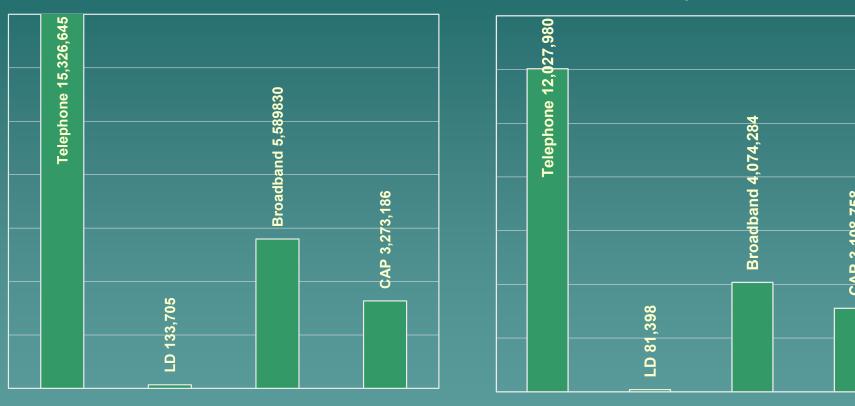
- Revenue Bond principal payments are not reflected in Expenses

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Estimated Income Current Budget Year 2024 – 2025

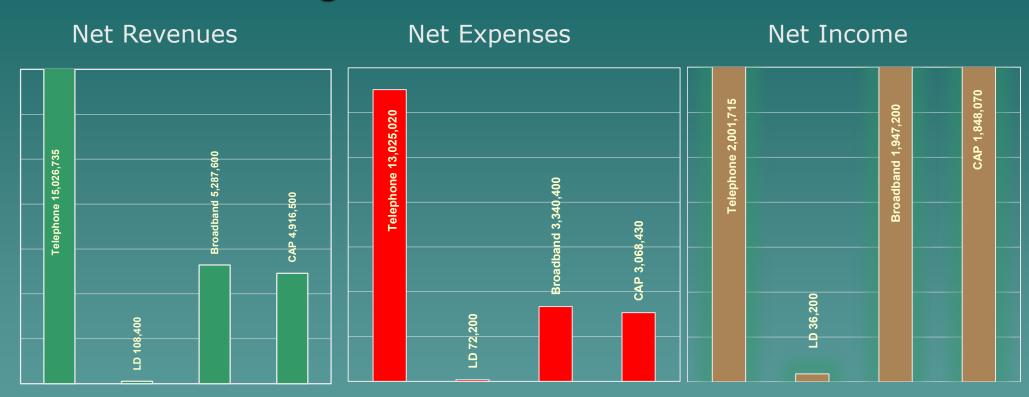
Net Revenues

Net Expenses



•Estimated Combined NET Income for June 30, 2025 \$5,030,946

Net Income Projections Budget Year 2025 – 2026



•Estimated Combined NET Income for 2025-2026 \$5,833,185

Summary

- Action to address downward pricing pressure and market share erosion
 - Reliability/Redundancy
 - Customer Experience
 - Wireless Offering
- Focus on Broadband outside the County in Capital Expenditures
- Enhance Business Product Catalogue and Sales
- Continue to benchmark financial performance and staff utilization

Questions?

