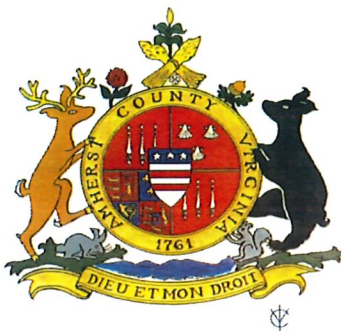


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AMHERST COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD

MINUTES

AGENDA
October 3, 2017

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 3:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Citizen Comment**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. September 5, 2017
- V. PPEA Selection Committee**
- VI. Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board**
- VII. Adjournment**

MINUTES

At a Regular Meeting of the Broadband Authority Board of Amherst County, Virginia and held at the Amherst County Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 3rd day of October 2017, at 2:10 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Kenneth M. Campbell, Director
L. J. Ayers, III, Director
John A. Marks, Jr., Director

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers; Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt; Interim County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby; and Executive Administrative Assistant Regina M. Rice

I. Call to Order

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Director Campbell and with the following vote, the Board approved the Agenda for October 3, 2017.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Marks
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

III. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. September 5, 2017

By motion of Director Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Minutes for September 5, 2017.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Marks
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

V. PPEA Selection Committee

County Administrator Rodgers advised the Board had previously discussed the idea of including citizens to serve on the PPEA Selection Committee. He advised the Board of two individuals who would be a resource to aid this committee; Mr. Eldon Cox, who served on the Building Committee; and Mr. Loy Fraser who has previous experience in the telecommunications and broadband field.

Director Marks inquired if the unsolicited proposal that was received addressed Sweet Briar.

Mr. Rodgers said it did not specifically address Sweet Briar and that the County will need to evaluate and add additional information or put out its own RFP.

Chair Tucker asked about the process to incorporate those two citizens into an ad hoc committee to provided assistance.

Mr. Rodgers advised those two citizens would be invited to sit in and participate in the process.

County Attorney Lockaby advised as soon as the County receives an application, a selection committee will be established and those citizens would become members of it. Mr. Lockaby said those members would be voting members only when it would be necessary.

Vice-Chair Pugh requested background information on Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Rodgers provided the Board with a copy of Mr. Fraser's email and resume. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Rodgers advised the position was not advertised, and is not a public body that produces minutes and announcements of meetings.

Mr. Rodgers said he would bring a recommendation to the Board regarding the need to hire outside experts for guidance; however, the Board would retain the decision authority.

By motion of Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to add Eldon Cox and Loy Fraser in its PPEA Selection Committee.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Marks
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

VI. Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board

Director Marks had no matter to discuss.

Director Campbell had no matter to discuss.

Director Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.

VII. Adjournment

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Marks
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Broadband Authority



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk



Re: Amherst County Broadband Authority Board
Claudia D Tucker to: Loy Fraser
Cc: Dean C Rodgers

09/12/2017 09:58 AM

Mr. Fraser,

Thank you for your email and offer. You obviously have a very deep understanding of this issue. I'm copying our County Administrator, Dean Rodgers so that he can help determine how best to utilize citizen subject matter experts. You may also want to consider speaking to the Board under citizen comments in an upcoming meeting.

Thank you!

Claudia

Claudia Duck Tucker
Chair, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Please excuse any typos -sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2017, at 9:04 AM, Loy Fraser <loyfraser@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Tucker,

I understand you've assumed the Chair position of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board, and are in the process of resurrecting the initiative.

I'm a resident of Amherst county, and I have a great deal of experience in the subject. I'm a subject matter expert in the field of Telecommunications, specializing in Broadband internet, wireless communications and have worked with telecommunication companies for a number years. Actually, since the Internet first started, back around 1995, I started one of the first Internet companies in Rural Montana. Later, I started a data center business for the local cooperatives servicing the geographical area. I was also a telecommunications expert for the Cooperatives.

Since I began living in Amherst County, I started looking at the prospect of providing high speed dedicated Internet to the county. I've spoken to representatives of Nelson county and received much information on how they accomplished their fiber optic broadband services. I understand that the initiative you started looks to utilize wireless services as a basis.

I would love to be a part of your initiative and would gladly volunteer my time and services towards the goals you wish to accomplish. I feel that I have a lot to offer in both knowledge, advice and experience.

Thank you for you time, I hope to hear back from you soon,

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Thank you,

Loy Fraser
703-254-9536