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Broadband Update

The Amherst County Broadband Authority is considering an agreement with AcelaNet LLC (SCS Broadband) to provide wireless broadband internet to schools, businesses, and residential areas in Amherst County. SCS Broadband is a wireless internet service provider (WISP) with years of experience providing the infrastructure, goods, and services for broadband technology.

The Comprehensive Agreement is between the Broadband Authority and AcelaNet LLC, however, a second agreement is necessary to facilitate the relationship between the Amherst County Broadband Authority and the Region 2000 radio board (not attached). The purpose of the agreement is to allow SCS Broadband access to public safety towers that are owned or controlled by the Region 2000 radio board in order to co-locate their equipment to improve broadband coverage within Amherst County.

On June 19, the Amherst County Broadband Authority directed staff to advertise the Comprehensive Agreement for a public hearing on July 17. After the public hearing, the Broadband Authority will reconvene in September to consider approving the Comprehensive Agreement.

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