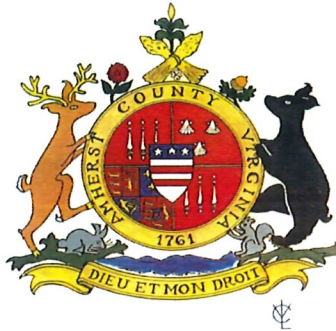


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AMHERST COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD

MINUTES

AGENDA
June 19, 2018

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened – 6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Citizen Comment**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. October 3, 2017
- V. PPEA**
 - A. Comprehensive Agreement
- VI. Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board**
- VII. Adjournment**

MINUTES

At a Regular Meeting of the Broadband Authority Board (“BBA Board”) of Amherst County, Virginia and held at the Amherst County Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 19th day of June, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., the following members were present:

BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD

PRESENT: Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
L. J. Ayers, III, Director
David W. Pugh, Jr., Director
Kenneth M. Campbell, Director
Jennifer R. Moore, Director

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning/Zoning Director Jeremy Bryant

I. Call to Order

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the BBA Board approved the Agenda for June 19, 2018.

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

III. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. October 3, 2017

By motion of Director Pugh and with the following vote, the BBA Board approved the Minutes for October 3, 2017.

Director Moore recused herself from voting on the October 3, 2017 minutes.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Pugh Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ms. Moore

V. PPEA

A. Comprehensive Agreement

Planning/Zoning Director Jeremy Bryant presented his report regarding an agreement the BBA Board is considering with AcelaNet LLC (SCS Broadband) that will provide wireless broadband internet to schools, businesses and residential areas in underserved areas of Amherst County.

Mr. Bryant said the County Attorney is working on a second agreement which will allow SCS Broadband to co-locate their equipment onto public safety towers owned or controlled by the Region 2000 Radio Board.)

Mr. Bryant stated the Comprehensive Agreement will go to a public hearing on July 17, 2018, after which the agreement will be brought back to the BBA Board at the first meeting in September 2018 for approval.

Mr. Bryant explained this is a five-year initial term agreement with three renewals of five years each, contingent on deployment, customer satisfaction and service. The deployment dates for installation of SCS's equipment on the five towers are:

1st tower High Peak Tower – November 4, 2018

2nd tower Buffalo Ridge Tower - January 4, 2019

3rd tower Panther Mountain Tower – March 4, 2019

4th tower Amherst Control Point – May 14, 2019

5th Rocky Mountain Tower - July 4, 2019

Mr. Bryant said the coverage area is estimated to be in the range of 80-90%.

Mr. Bryant said that SCS is having a discussion with Sweet Briar College ("SBC") concerning the College's broadband spectrum and the coverage. He explained that the Comprehensive Agreement does not bring SBC into this, however, he said SBC has been a part of this discussion and is on the Steering Committee.

Director Pugh asked about the bandwidth.

Mr. Bryant said that Region 2000 has five towers in Amherst County. SBC advised the County that they have an educational broadband spectrum (2.5 GHz) that was not being used by the college with coverage from Amherst County to Smith Mountain Lake. Mr. Bryant explained that if SCS partners with SBC, this spectrum would amplify and create better coverage for the County. SBC said this would also help the community, college students and faculty who live off campus.

Attorney Lockaby said the SCS can still get a vast majority of what their plan is without using SBC's spectrum.

By motion of Director Moore and with the following vote, the BBA Board directed staff to advertise the Comprehensive Agreement for a public hearing on July 17, 2018.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Campbell and Ms. Moore
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.

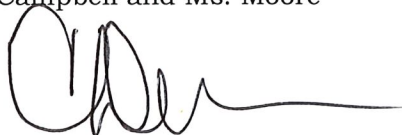
Vice-Chair Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.


VII. Adjournment

By motion of Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Broadband Authority



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk