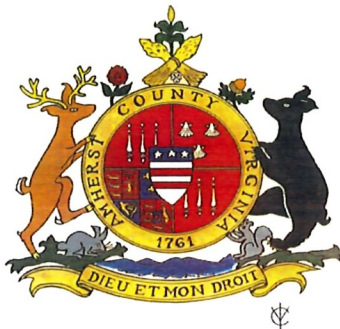


**Broadband Authority Board**

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



**Clerk**  
Dean C. Rodgers

**County Attorney**  
Michael W. S. Lockaby

**Treasurer**  
Stacey L. Wilkes

**AMHERST COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

AGENDA  
December 4, 2018

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. Minutes – September 4, 2018 and September 18, 2018
- V. PPEA Comprehensive Agreement**
  - A. Comprehensive Agreement Modification
- VI. New Business**
  - A. VATI Grant Submittal
- VII. Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board**
- VIII. 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, at 3:00 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

**ABSENT:** Jennifer R. Moore, Director

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers  
Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt  
County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby  
EA Clerk to Board Regina M. Rice

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning/Zoning Director Jeremy Bryant

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Broadband Authority Board approved the agenda for December 4, 2018.

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

**III. Citizen Comment**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. Minutes – September 4, 2018 and September 18, 2018

By motion of Director Campbell and with the following vote, the Broadband Authority Board approved the minutes for September 4, 2018 and September 18, 2018.

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

**V. PPEA Comprehensive Agreement**

A. Comprehensive Agreement Modification

Planning/Zoning Director Jeremy Bryant advised the Board that SCS Broadband requested several amendments to these two agreements. Mr. Bryant expressed his thanks Mr. Jim Thompson for his assistance on moving this along.

The amendments are as follows:

Authority Agreement:

1) Section 4.4: Structural Testing

g: Gives the Authority the ability to remove towers that do not meet a structural analysis once requested by SCS Broadband.

2) Section 8.1.1 Excusable delay: Adds delays in government approval, third party supporting infrastructure and delays by the Authority.

Agreement:

1) Added a \$400 per tower per month cap on tower prices.

Mr. Bryant further advised the Board that the original deployment dates have not changed. By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the two amended agreements as presented.

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

**VI. New Business**

A. VATI Grant Submittal

Planning/Zoning Director Bryant reported to the Board on the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant that assists communities in the Commonwealth with building telecommunications infrastructure. He advised that AcelaNet (SCS) indicated it will apply for VATI grant funding.

Mr. Bryant stated that a requirement for the VATI grant is a 20% match from the County. AcelaNet will cover that match and at no cost to the County.

Mr. Bryant advised the grant will be for approximately \$300,000 and will be applied to pay for equipment on the County's towers. The grant will also include a sixth tower located on Turkey Mountain that will add additional coverage to a portion of the Clifford area.

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to submit the application for grant funding to the Department of Housing and Community Development as presented.

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

**VII. Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board**

Director Pugh expressed his thanks to Mr. Jim Thompson and Mr. Jeremy Bryant for their time spent on this.

Director Campbell had no matter to discuss.


Director Ayers had no matter to discuss.

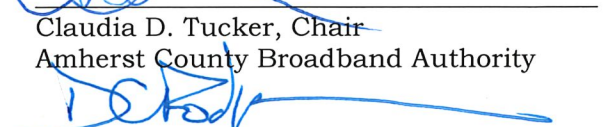
Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.

**VIII. Adjournment**

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Claudia D. Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Broadband Authority

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk