

**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
LOUISA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
1 WOOLFOLK AVENUE
LOUISA, VIRGINIA
October 7, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Ed Jarvis, Paul Bradbury, Melvin Burruss, Timothy Layne, Jim Ogg, Mary Johnson, Fitzgerald Barnes, Duane Adams

Absent: Rachel Trombetta

Others Present: Bob Hardy, Louisa County Information Technology Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jarvis called the October 7, 2020, regular meeting of the Broadband Authority (BBA) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jarvis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Bradbury, seconded by Ms. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Authority voted to approve the October 7, 2020 agenda, as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bradbury, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Authority voted to approve the September 2, 2020, regular meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Gartland addressed the Authority asking for more information on the Yanceyville Tower.

Mr. Hardy stated NCT has submitted their site plans to start construction and will be in the process of putting the Yanceyville Tower up once approved. Mr. Hardy said unfortunately the Authority does not have control of when the tower will be constructed.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Authority regarding the Yanceyville Tower.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jarvis stated the Governor has announced a thirty million dollar CARES funding to bring Broadband to the state.

Mr. Hardy said this particular funding is through the CARES funding program and is only for jurisdictions, counties, cities, and towns. Mr. Hardy stated if this money is used it will have to be a project that is mostly ready to go, due to the money having to be used by December 31, 2020. Mr. Hardy said more details on this will be available on Friday.

Unfinished Business

Discussion- Tower Update

Mr. Hardy said we are now waiting on NCT for the Yanceyville Tower to be complete, and the Gammon Town Tower is up. The power to the Gammon Town has been delayed due to Rappahannock needing a “take off easement.” The fence for the tower will be constructed once the power has been finished, the generator and propane tanks are finished. Mr. Hardy mentioned the County is getting a contractor for their generators and the Broadband generators are included in the contract.

Discussion- PowerPoint

Mr. Hardy stated there is a survey in tonight’s packet and asked the Authority if they would like to include this in the PowerPoint that will be presented to the Board. Mr. Hardy said he does not feel the volume of the details need to be included but more so a summary of the surveys.

Mr. Hardy gave a brief overview of the surveys and questions and comments were addressed by the Authority.

Treasurer’s Report / Approval of the Bills

None

Public Comment

Mr. Garland said in his opinion the Authority should compare the amount of satisfied vs unsatisfied customers regarding internet service.

The Authority agreed this was a very interesting observation, and they will consider doing that.

Mr. Hardy added the County is working with all co-ops, electric companies, and any other companies that are interested in providing better internet service. Mr. Hardy said the County put up a fifteen million dollar incentive to help with providing/hooks up fiber to homes.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Bradbury seconded by Ms. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Authority voted to adjourn the October 7, 2020, meeting at approximately 8:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Broadband Authority meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 7 p.m.