

**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
LOUISA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
1 WOOLFOLK AVENUE
LOUISA, VIRGINIA
December 2, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

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

*Rachel Trombetta via zoom

Absent: Duane Adams

Others Present: Bob Hardy, Louisa County Information Technology Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jarvis called the December 2, 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.

Ms. Trombetta joined the meeting via zoom due to a family emergency in Dallas, TX.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Layne, seconded by Mr. Bradbury, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Authority voted to approve the December 2, 2020 agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bradbury, which carried by a vote of 4-0-1, the Authority voted to approve the September 24, 2020, special meeting minutes.

On the motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bradbury, which carried by a vote of 4-0-2, with Mr. Layne and Ms. Trombetta abstaining, the Authority voted to approve the October 7, 2020, regular meeting minutes, with the following changes :

- Remove Mr. Layne from being present at the October 7, 2020 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hardy said the Governor put out thirty million dollars specify for broadband projects that could be completed and in service by December 25, 2020. CVEC has applied and been approved for three hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars to extend beyond their service area. Mr. Hardy stated SCS has put an application request for some loading for their existing towers, three towers out of seven towers have been approved.

Mr. Jarvis asked if there was a certain reason as to why the timeline was December 25th.

Mr. Hardy stated it was left over federal funding from the CARES Act, and that funding ends December 31st.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Authority regarding Government funding.

On the motion of Ms. Trombetta, seconded by Ms. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Authority voted to have a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss future plans with providing internet to homes.

Unfinished Business

Discussion- Tower Update

Mr. Hardy stated the Holly Grove Tower is fully functional. Mr. Hardy said now that the towers are completed we are expecting a final bill from Wide Open and Mt. Valley. The County has agreed to a lease agreement with NCT for them to build a tower on Yanceyville Road. NCT has stated the tower is to be completed and ready for equipment in January of 2021. Mr. Hardy said we will need to purchase new radios to be placed on this tower to connect to Moss Nuckols and Holly Grove.

Discussion ensued regarding the tower updates.

Discussion- PowerPoint

Mr. Jarvis said he is back and forth regarding the PowerPoint, and recommends that the Authority have a work-session with the Board to discuss these items/issues, this way the public could be involved also.

Mr. Barnes stated at the beginning of the Broadband Authority the Board was in uncharted waters and going forward both the Board and the Authority have more information and skills to excel in phase 2.

Mr. Layne suggested sticking with the original plan regarding the PowerPoint.

The Authority unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report / Approval of the Bills

Mr. Hardy stated there are no new bills at this time.

Mr. Jarvis asked Mr. Barnes to please have the Board appoint a member from the Jackson District to the Broadband Authority.

Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Bradbury seconded by Mr. Layne, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority voted to adjourn the December 2, 2020, meeting at approximately 8:00p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Broadband Authority meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 7 p.m.