

**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUISA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
1 WOOLFOLK AVENUE
LOUISA, VIRGINIA
JANUARY 20, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Melvin Burruss, Bernie Hill, Steve Duren, Garth Wermter, and Mary Johnson

Absent: Mark Lutner, Brian Sullivan

Others Present: Bob Hardy, Information Technology Director; Stephanie Koren, Board of Supervisors, Mineral District; Fitzgerald Barnes, Board of Supervisors, Patrick Henry District; and Christy Monolo, Assistant County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burruss called the January 20, 2016 worksession of the Broadband Authority (BBA) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Burruss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Wermter, seconded by Mr. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the January 20, 2016, agenda as presented:

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – Louisa County Broadband – Implementation of Phase I

Based on Design Nine's recommendations, the Authority presented a first-phase deployment recommendation consisting of ten (10) 199' maximum towers and active radio communications intended to connect the towers to one another with throughput speeds in the 300 megabit per second range. This infrastructure would be intended to provide a framework on which private providers could: 1) locate broadcast or point to point transmission equipment from these towers directly to users within an estimated radius of approximately three (3) miles of the towers, or 2) use the towers to broadcast to other towers which users, providers, or the County might install at a later date. The cost for this initial deployment phase is currently estimated at \$1,095,077 by Design Nine. The Louisa County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on January 19, 2016 to solicit public opinion on this Broadband initiative and approved funding for the project.

General discussion regarding implementation of Phase I ensued.

The BBA discussed extending the contract with Design Nine, but requested an updated quote first from the consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brian Gilbreth, Louisa District, addressed the Broadband Authority.

WEBSITE UPDATES

No updates at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next Broadband Authority meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to adjourn the January 20, 2016, worksession at approximately 8:30 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:

MELVIN BURRUSS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY