

**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUISA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
1 WOOLFOLK AVENUE
LOUISA, VIRGINIA
MARCH 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Melvin Burruss, Steve Duren, Mark Luttner, Garth Wermter, Brian Sullivan, and Bernie Hill

Absent: Mary Johnson

Others Present: Mike Lockaby, County Attorney; Bob Hardy, Information Technology Director; Allyson Finchum, Community Development Director; Stephanie Koren, Board of Supervisors, Mineral District; and Fitzgerald Barnes, Board of Supervisors, Patrick Henry District

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burruss called the March 4, 2015, meeting of the Broadband Authority (BBA) Board of Directors to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Luttner, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board approved the March 4, 2015, agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 18, 2015

On the motion of Mr. Luttner, seconded by Mr. Wermter, with Mr. Hill abstaining because of his absence from the meeting, which carried by a vote of 5-0-1, the Board approved the minutes of the February 18, 2015, meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Item: Update – Telecommunications Ordinance/Master Plan Revisions

Ms. Koren reported that the resolution to forward the proposed Telecommunications Ordinance revisions to the Planning Commission was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their March 2, 2015, meeting and the Planning Commission planned to review the recommendations during their March 12, 2015, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation Item: Consultant Preliminary Report

Mr. Syd Boswell, Chief Technical Officer with Design Nine, presented the BBA with part of the preliminary report that dealt with technologies available and option under consideration, which included fiber, DSL and wireless. Mr. Wermter and Mr. Hardy requested that DSL be removed from consideration as it was not truly high-speed, nor was the copper infrastructure in most of Louisa capable of handling DSL at a decent speed.

Dr. Cohill further discussed the operating models recommended that the Authority consider the following options:

- 1) Do nothing and let the market supply internet in Louisa – the Authority agreed that this option had not and probably would not work.
- 2) Operate as a full-scale internet service provider (ISP) owning and operating infrastructure and serving the last mile – the Authority acknowledged that the County and Authority were not interested in this option.
- 3) Implement infrastructure, but in a passive mode – install dark fiber and poles, but let the market vendors light up the fiber and install back-haul equipment as needed.
- 4) Implement, own, and operate infrastructure, in an active mode – sell wholesale internet or transport to vendors and let them supply the last mile.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Mr. Hardy commented that he would make necessary updates regarding actions taken during the current meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Wermter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the March 4, 2015, meeting at approximately 9:05 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:

MELVIN BURRUSS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY