

**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LOUISA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
1 WOOLFOLK AVENUE  
LOUISA, VIRGINIA  
JUNE 8, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

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Broadband Authority Members Present: Mark Luttner, Bernie Hill, Mary Johnson, Melvin Burruss, Garth Wermter, and Steve Duren

Broadband Authority Members Absent: Mark Sullivan

Board of Supervisors Members Present: Tommy Barlow, Chairman and Mountain Road District Representative; Troy Wade, Vice Chairman and Louisa District Representative, Stephanie Koren, Mineral District Representative; Richard Havasy; Green Springs District Representative; Dan Byers, Jackson District Representative; and Fitzgerald Barnes, Patrick Henry District Representative

Board of Supervisors Members Absent: Willie Gentry, Cuckoo District Representative

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Bob Hardy, Director of Information Technology; and Allyson Finchum, Director of Community Development

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Barlow called the June 8, 2015, special meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Byers led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burruss called the June 8, 2015, special meeting of the Broadband Authority (BBA) Board of Directors to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approval: Consultant's Final Report**

On the motion of Mr. Wermter, seconded by Mr. Hill, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the BBA approved the Consultant's final report.

**DISCUSSION**

**Consultant Findings and Recommendations Regarding County-Wide Broadband Deployment**

Dr. Andrew Cohill, with Design Nine, presented information in regards to estimated costs for the proposed County-wide broadband project.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board of Supervisors, the Broadband Authority, Dr. Cohill, and County staff in regards to the following:

- Whether E-Rate school funding was eligible for funding the construction of this project;
- Clarification regarding the proposed payback plan;
- Whether available space on current towers was sufficient;
- Anticipated broadband coverage after initial buildout completion;
- Difference between LTE service and the solution being proposed;
- Schools willingness to work with the Broadband Authority in a plan to gain access to fiber;
- Effect of broadband on the future growth of the County;
- Increasing need for internet accessibility for day-to-day necessities;
- Justification for the proposed locations for new tower infrastructure;
- Plan for obtaining a commitment from the Schools and commercial businesses prior to constructing towers or installing fiber;
- Estimated monthly user fees; and
- Future capacity of fiber technology.

During the discussion, Mr. Havasy requested that Ms. Finchum continue to research the effects that this project would have on future residential growth in the County and report her findings back to the Board.

The Board agreed for the Broadband Authority to present the proposed plan to the School Board to seek assurance of their commitment to the project and report back to the Board.

The Board thanked the BBA for their efforts.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Wermter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the BBA voted to adjourn the June 8, 2015, meeting at 8:06 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the June 8, 2015, special meeting at 8:06 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:

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MELVIN BURRUSS, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY