

ORANGE COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY MINUTES

JULY 7, 2020

At a Regular Meeting of the Orange County Broadband Authority held on Monday, July 7, 2020, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and held electronically via Zoom video conference. Present: James K. White, Chair; R. Mark Johnson, Vice Chair; James P. Crozier; S. Teel Goodwin; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; S. Lewis Foster, Broadband Program Manager; and Susan Turner, Deputy Clerk.

RE: PARTICIPATION VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

Pursuant to the emergency ordinance adopted on March 24, 2020, this meeting was held electronically via Zoom video conference and livestreamed to YouTube for the public to view. As such, the minutes are required to reflect the physical location of each Authority member during their participation.

Chairman White participated from his residence, located at 22373 Berry Run Road, Orange, Virginia.

Vice Chairman Johnson participated from his residence, located at 13451 Albano Road, Barboursville, Virginia.

Mr. Frame participated from his residence, located at 103 Woodland Trail, Locust Grove, Virginia.

Mr. Crozier participated from his residence, located at 9651 Meadows Road, Locust Grove, Virginia.

Mr. Goodwin participated from his residence, located at 11464 Rapidan Road, Orange, Virginia.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Crozier, seconded by Mr. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority adopted the agenda, as presented. Ayes: Johnson, White, Crozier, Frame, Goodwin. Nays: None.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

On the motion of Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Frame, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority approved the May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL ENGINEERING

On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Frame, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority authorized staff to renew the contract with Federal Engineering (FE-00-17NT) for one (1) term, the fourth of four (4) possible renewal terms. The contract renewal term shall be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: DISCUSSION OF FIBER NETWORK CONFIGURATION AND CONSTRUCTION

James K. White, Chairman provided information on next steps as it related to the fiber network configuration and construction. He explained that the goal is to provide nearly universal availability of broadband to residents and businesses by extending an additional 240 miles of new fiber laterals over the next thirty-six months. Further, Mr. White presented a phased approach to accomplish these goals and outlined each of the proposed phases.

Mr. White noted that future steps also included the following: establishing easements for private roads that desire connectivity; establishing a service agreement; and consideration for multi-house roads. Lastly, a map

By consensus, the Authority agreed to proceed with next steps as it relates to the fiber network configuration and construction, as presented.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters for Old Business at this time.

RE: OTHER BUSINESS

RE: BROADBAND PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

Lewis Foster, Broadband Program Manager, provided a report to the Authority, which included information on the following topics:

- Accomplishments to-date;
- Upcoming meetings; and
- A summary of current projects.

RE: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no Informational Items at this time.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

James K. White, Chairman