

**ORANGE COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 19, 2017**

At a Regular Meeting of the Orange County Broadband Authority held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: James K. White, Chair; R. Mark Johnson, Vice Chair; S. Teel Goodwin\*; James P. Crozier, and Lee H. Frame. Also present: R. Bryan David, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

\* Mr. Goodwin arrived at 3:05 p.m.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Crozier, which carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Goodwin being absent, the Authority approved the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters for Old Business at this time.

RE: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

RE: UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT AND THE RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE

R. Bryan David, County Administrator, provided an update to the Authority on the status of the Orange County Public Schools' E-rate Fiber Optics network build; the draft public safety radio Request for Proposals (RFP); and the ongoing project development for fixed-wireless broadband and "middle-mile" fiber service. He noted that there had been a delay in reimbursing the contract from USAC, which was being reviewed. Mr. David also provided a brief update on work related to the Consolidated Public Safety Facility.

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Discussion ensued regarding: the possibility of receiving an extension on the E-rate grant date since the payments had not been processed; the issues with the USAC reimbursements across the Commonwealth; management of the School Board's expectations related to the site visits for the public safety radio RFP; and potential tower locations.

The Authority took the information regarding the Public Safety Telecommunications Project and Rural Broadband Initiative under advisement, and there was no action taken at this time.

RE: CLOSED MEETING

At 3:17 p.m., Mr. Lacheney read the following motion authorizing Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Broadband Authority of Orange County desired to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matters:

- Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. - §2.2-3711(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia

- Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. - §2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§2.2-3711 (A)(6) and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Broadband Authority of Orange County hereby authorized discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Crozier, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority adopted the resolution authorizing Closed Meeting, as presented.

RE: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

At 4:04 p.m., Ms. Simpson read the following resolution certifying Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Broadband Authority of Orange County has this day adjourned into Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote, and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act requires certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Broadband Authority of Orange County hereby certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applied, and ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by it.

Ayes: Johnson, White, Goodwin, Crozier, Frame. Nays: None.

RE: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

At this time, the Authority took no action to schedule its next meeting, which would instead be scheduled when needed.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Johnson, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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James K. White, Chairman

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R. Bryan David, County Administrator