

ORANGE COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2019

At a Regular Meeting of the Orange County Broadband Authority held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, beginning at 1:00 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; S. Lewis Foster, Broadband Program Manager; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda at this time.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: VATI GRANT APPLICATION WITH HOSTED BACKBONE, LLC FOR UNSERVED AREAS (BURR HILL, LOCUST GROVE, AND MINE RUN)

S. Lewis Foster, Broadband Program Manager, explained that he had been working with Hosted Backbone, LLC, to apply for grant funding through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's VATI Grant. He noted the grant funding, if awarded, would assist in providing broadband service to unserved areas of Orange County, consisting of the construction of a fiber to the home network in the areas of Burr Hill, Locust Grove, and Mine Run. Mr. Foster further indicated that the VATI Grant would cover 80% of the total project cost, with a 20% local match required and a verbal commitment of \$100,000 by Hosted Backbone, LLC.

Discussion ensued among the Authority regarding: a thorough review of the grant scoring criteria; development of a Master Plan; and clarification on the amount of fiber to be installed.

On the motion of Mr. Crozier, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority authorized staff to submit a joint application for VATI Grant funding with Hosted Backbone, LLC, for the unserved areas of Burr Hill, Locust Grove, and Mine Run, as presented.

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

RE: VATI GRANT APPLICATION WITH MADISON GIGABIT INTERNET, INC. FOR UNSERVED AREAS (BARBOURSVILLE)

S. Lewis Foster, Broadband Program Manager, explained that he had been working with Madison Gigabit Internet, Inc. to apply for grant funding through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's VATI Grant. He noted the grant funding, if awarded, would assist in providing broadband service to unserved areas of Orange County, consisting of the construction of a fiber to the home network in the area of Barbourville. Mr. Foster further indicated that the VATI Grant would cover 80% of the total project cost, with a 20% local match required and a verbal commitment of \$75,000 by Madison Gigabit Internet, Inc.

Discussion ensued among the Authority regarding: clarification on the amount of fiber to be installed; and the type of relationship with the private-sector "partner" that would be provided to the end user.

On the motion of Mr. Crozier, seconded by Mr. Frame, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority authorized staff to submit a joint application for VATI Grant funding with Madison Gigabit Internet, Inc., for the unserved area of Barboursville.

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

RE: OLD BUSINESS
There were no matters for Old Business at this time.

RE: OTHER BUSINESS
There were no matters for Other Business at this time.

RE: CLOSED MEETING
At 1:51 p.m., Ms. Simpson read the following motion authorizing Closed Meeting:

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

- 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 governing body would be adversely affected. - §2.2-3711 (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(6) 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 aforesaid matter in Closed Meeting.

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

RE: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING
At 2:19 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: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
There were no Informational Items at this time.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Crozier, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Authority adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

James K. White, Chairman

R. Bryan David, County Administrator