

CAMPBELL COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY

April 7, 2020

A meeting of the Campbell County Broadband Authority was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the Walter J. Haberer Building, Rustburg, Virginia. The members present were:

Jon R. Hardie Vice-Chairman, Presiding	Rustburg Election District
Kenneth R. Brown	Spring Hill Election District
Matt W. Cline	Concord Election District
Susan R. Hogg (remote participation)	Timberlake Election District
A. Dale Moore	Altavista Election District
Steve W. Shockley	Sunburst Election District

Absent was:

Charlie A. Watts II, Chairman	Brookneal Election District
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Also present were:

Frank J. Rogers, County Administrator  
Catherine H. Moore, Clerk

Vice-Chairman Hardie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to a meeting of the Campbell County Broadband Authority (CCBA).

// REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION

Supervisor Hogg requested permission to participate from her home in the April 7, 2020 regular meeting through electronic communication due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On motion of Supervisor Cline, it was resolved the Board of Supervisors approves Supervisor Hogg's request to participate in the April 7, 2020 Broadband Authority meeting through electronic communication from her home.

The vote was: Aye: Brown, Cline, Hardie, Hogg, Moore, Shockley  
Nay: None  
Absent: Watts

// APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Supervisor Cline, it was resolved the Campbell County Broadband Authority approves the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting.

The vote was: Aye: Brown, Cline, Hardie, Hogg, Moore, Shockley  
Nay: None

Absent: Watts

// UPDATE ON CURRENT BROADBAND INITIATIVES

In January 2020 the Campbell County Board of Supervisors authorized a Request for Proposals (RFP) to determine interest from the private sector to partner with the County to expand broadband access and capacity County-wide. Two responses to the Request for Proposals were received that day. Because of the sensitivity around procurement and proprietary information, Administrator Rogers could only share general information at this meeting. One of the responses was from an incumbent provider looking to serve as many as 500 additional homes with fiber and to participate with the County on grant opportunities. The other provider was serving neighboring jurisdictions and was proposing that an engineering study be done first to determine how fiber could be provided to meet the minimum 25/3 specifications in underserved areas.

Administrator Rogers suggested the Authority meet again on May 5, 2020 to fully discuss the two responses to the RFP. The Authority was agreeable to meet next month.

In answer to a question by Vice-Chairman Hardie, there were approximately 30,000 households in Campbell County. Administrator Rogers has learned from broadband meetings that it typically costs a provider \$2,000 per household to provide connectivity.

// FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INITIATIVES

There was currently \$1,000,000 set aside for broadband initiatives from the sale of the Dearing Ford Industrial Park to the Town of Altavista. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Administrator Rogers commented there was some uncertainty of the impact on revenues and there may be a discussion on how to utilize all revenues to meet the County's needs going forward.

// UPDATES ON SCS PROJECT

The SCS project was still progressing, although very slowly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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JON R. HARDIE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_