

A regular meeting of the Albemarle County Broadband Authority was held on February 27, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in Room 235 of the County Office Building, McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia.

PRESENT: Mr. Bucky Walsh, Mr. Mike Culp, Ms. Liz Palmer, Mr. Rick Randolph, Mr. Bill Fritz

ABSENT:

Also Present: Mr. Andy Herrick (Deputy County Attorney)

Agenda Item No. 1. Establish Quorum and Call to Order.

Mr. Walsh established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 2 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Palmer **moved** to accept the agenda.

The agenda was **approved** by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item No. 3 Approval of January 23, 2019 Minutes

This item was **deferred** to a later date

Agenda Item No. 4 Public Comment

Lucas (no last name provided) representing Next Century Cities in Washington D.C stated that they partner with other organizations including County and City governments. They provide resources for broadband readiness toolkits and serve as a support network. There is no cost to join. He encouraged ABBA to join Next Century Cities.

Agenda Item No. 5 Old Business

Agenda Item No. 5a Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) update

Mr. Culp announced that he has received no comments from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Culp stated that a challenge to the Louisa application had been submitted.

Agenda Item No. 5b. FY 20 ABBA Appropriation Status

The Board of Supervisors may authorize additional funds from end of year positive variance. If ABBA identifies a project before the end of the fiscal year there may be a need to coordinate with the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Item No. 5b. VACORP Renewal (Insurance)

Mr. Randolph **moved** to authorize Mr. Walsh to sign the renewal agreement.

Ms. Palmer **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5bd. Legislative Updates and Next Steps

Mr. Culp announced that \$15 million was added to the VATI funding in addition to the existing \$4 million for a total of \$19 million for statewide broadband efforts.

Mr. Culp provided an update on HB2691. The SCC will develop a pilot broadband plan for Dominion and AEP. They may participate in the pilot but are not required. They are authorized to recover cost up to \$60 million.

Mr. Culp provided an update on HB2141. This is a service district bill that authorizes localities to establish service districts and contract with service providers to provide service where service does not exist.

Mr. Culp announced that the Teleworks Commission was extended to 2021 and the Broadband Advisory Council has expanded the membership.

Agenda Item No. 6. New Business

Agenda Item No. 6a. FOIA Discussion

A notice and resolution stating the rights and of requesters and the responsibilities of ABBA under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act was distributed to the members.

Mr. Walsh **moved** to adopt the Resolution to Adopt FOIA Notice of Rights and Responsibilities.

Mr. Randolph **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item No. 6b. Meeting Attendance Changes

Mr. Walsh discussed the value of having meeting attendance guidelines. A resolution to amend the rules of procedures was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Randolph **moved** to adopt the Resolution to Amend Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Walsh **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Walsh asked if ABBA should reach out to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

Ms. Palmer noted that the Planning District is actively engaged in this topic.

Mr. Fritz stated the FCC is also looking at using something other than census blocks to determine if service is provided.

Agenda Item No. 7 Other Matters

Agenda Item No. 7a. Closed Session to Discuss Applications of prospective candidates for appointment to the ABBA Board.

Mr. Culp **moved** I move that the Albemarle County Broadband Authority go into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under:

- Subsection 1 to discuss, consider, or interview prospective candidates for appointment to the Albemarle Broadband Authority.

Mr. Walsh **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Culp **moved** I move that the Broadband Authority certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Director's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting.

Mr. Walsh **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** on a roll call vote.

Mr. Walsh – Aye

Mr. Culp – Aye

Mr. Fritz – Aye

Mr. Randolph – Aye

Ms. Palmer – Aye

Agenda Item No. 8. Adjourn

Mr. Walsh reminded the members that the next meetings are scheduled for March 5th and March 27nd.

With no other business before the Authority, Mr. Walsh adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM to March 5th.