

Broadband Task Force Team B: Funding Strategies

Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Present: Michael Culp, Andrew Draper, Baylor Fooks (via phone), Philip Freeman, Pat Groot, Liz Palmer

Goal: Conduct research and compile information necessary to create a report, due to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the third week of March (in time for it to go through the process including review by County Attorney's Office).

Necessary Follow-Up:

- 1) Look at the potential of establishing a Broadband Authority. *Mike Culp/Philip Freeman/Baylor Fooks*
- 2) Define last mile and middle mile. *Philip Freeman*
- 3) Learn whether BTOP is still providing funds. *Pat Groot*
- 4) Determine whether Albemarle County can provide incentives to providers. *Mike Culp/Philip Freeman*
- 5) Determine whether Albemarle County can provide a no interest loan to homeowners completing the "last mile." *Mike Culp/Philip Freeman*
- 6) Explore DHCD planning grant. *Pat Groot*
- 7) Further define organizational as well as revenue potential from other jurisdictions with "Broadband Authorities." How are they setup and governed? Is the locality happy with the revenue (or promise thereof) generation? *Baylor Fooks*
- 8) How do/can Connect America Funds (CAF) impact Albemarle? *Andrew Draper/Pat Groot*