

A regular meeting of the Albemarle County Broadband Authority was held on August 14, 2020. The meeting was held electronically using Zoom and telephone starting at 5:17 p.m.

PRESENT AND ATTENDING REMOTELY: Mr. Bucky Walsh, Mr. Waldo Jaquith, Ms. Liz Palmer, Mr. Trevor Henry, Mr. Bill Fritz

ABSENT: Ms. Donna Price

Also Present: Mr. Richard DeLoria (Senior Assistant County Attorney), Mr. Mike Culp,

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

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

Mr. Culp announced the following for the record:

Everyone on the phone and attending via Zoom from the public is in listen only mode. During public comment period - please enter your comment in the Chat and it will be read into the record. Include your full name and the magisterial district in which you reside, if you don't know your magisterial district please provide a general location or your home/business street address. We will run through the chat comments first and then take comments by phone. For those on the phone, please use *9 to indicate you'd like to make a public comment. We will ask you to provide your full name and magisterial district or general location of your home or business and then allow up to 3 minutes for your comment.

Mr. Walsh announced the following for the record:

Because of the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the limitations on group gatherings imposed by the Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting is being held by electronic communication means on the Zoom platform. It is authorized by the County's April 15th and June 17th Continuity of Government Ordinances, this Authority's Resolution of April 22nd, and the Virginia statute signed into law on April 24th permitting this Authority to meet electronically to discuss and transact business necessary to continue its operations.

The public has real time audio-visual access to this meeting over Zoom and real time audio access over telephone, both as provided in the lawfully posted meeting notice. The public is always invited to send questions, comments, and suggestions to the Authority through the County's Information Technology. This meeting is being recorded and will be made available on the County's website.

Mr. Walsh requested that each member and officer identify the location from where they were attending the meeting.

Mr. Walsh stated he was attending from home.

Mr. Henry stated he was attending from home.

Mr. Fritz stated he was attending from home.

Ms. Palmer stated she was attending from home.

Mr. Jaquith stated he was attending from home.

Agenda Item No. 2 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Walsh **moved** to approve the agenda.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Grant 2021

Ms. Palmer **moved** 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 6 to discuss and consider:

The investment of public funds for broadband deployment within a public utility's service area in the County, where bargaining is involved and where, if made public initially, would adversely affect the financial interest of the County;

- Subsection 29 to discuss and consider:

The award of public contracts involving the expenditure of public funds and discussion of the terms or scope of such contracts where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the Authority's bargaining position or negotiating strategy;

- Subsection 33 to discuss and consider:

Confidential proprietary information and trade secrets subject to the exclusion in subdivision 19 of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3705.6; and

- Subsection 39 to discuss and consider:

Information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of Section 2.2-3705.6 related to economic development.

Specifically, these discussions and considerations will pertain to CenturyLink and Comcast VATI applications, potential partnership terms with ABBA in the current VATI application process, investment of public funds, and confidential proprietary information related broadband deployment.

Mr. Walsh **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Ms. Palmer **moved** 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** unanimously.

By Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Walsh	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Price	absent	
Mr. Fritz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Henry	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ms. Palmer	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Jaquith	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Ms. Palmer **moved** to provide \$640,000 of ABBA funds to support the CenturyLink VATI application and to authorize Mr. Culp to sign and submit any necessary documents.

Mr. Jaquith **seconded**.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4. Adjourn

With no other business before the Authority, Mr. Walsh adjourned the meeting at 5:54 PM.