

ALBEMARLE BROADBAND AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA

November 25, 2020

Virtual Meeting 5pm-6:30pm

1. **Establish Quorum and Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Brief Announcements by Authority Members**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Approval of October 28, 2020 Minutes**
6. **Old Business**
 - a. VATI 2020 and 2021 Updates
 - b. ABBA Financial Report (appendix A)
7. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion on Legislative Priorities referencing the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative
 - b. Report on Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan Review and Capital Planning Work Session in regards to Broadband
8. **Adjourn**

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					Update: 11/16/2020
4-4300-91097-491097-950030-9999 (EXPENSE CODE)					
BROADBAND INCENTIVES					
	Fund Balance	Commitment/ Projected Expenses	Paid Expenses	Remaining Project Funds	
Initial FY21 Balance (includes deposit of VATI 2019 award and reappropriation of unspent FY20 funds to FY21)	\$1,306,415.16				
VATI 2019 Project at Midway Commitment (PO 2021-7298 CVEC)		\$0.00	\$373,248.00	\$0.00	PROJECT CLOSED OUT AND PAYMENT MADE
	\$933,167.16				
VATI 2020 Project at 8 locations Commitment (PO 2021-7747 CenturyLink)		\$291,300.00	\$0.00	\$291,300.00	*CenturyLink prerogative to bill quarterly or in one single invoice
	\$641,867.16				
VATI 2021 Project _____ Commitment (not yet awarded, with CenturyLink)		\$640,000.00	\$0.00		
	\$1,867.16	\$931,300.00	\$373,248.00	\$1,867.16	
Appropriation of \$3,715.00 PT Wages and \$285.00 FICA moved to 950030 Broadband Incentives on 11/4/2020.					

Appendix A ABBA Financial Report (2 of 2) CARES and CRF Specific County Broadband Projects 11/25/2020

Project / Benefit	Funding Source	CARES/CRF Amount	Scope
<p>Shentel BEAM /</p> <p>This project while initially targeting 500+ ABBA identified unserved locations; the total count of serviceable locations will exceed 2,000.</p>	<p>51% vendor, 49% local CRF</p>	<p>\$697,194*</p> <p>* This P.O. amount was increased this week to reflect early completion of site 5 of 6.</p>	<p>BEAM is a fixed wireless service and Shentel is prioritizing the 500+ ABBA identified unserved locations with a series of direct mailings; 5 of the 6 sites are now online and Shentel is working site 6 with a mid-Dec. activation. https://iwantbeam.com includes a descriptive video explaining the benefits of using fully licensed spectrum for fixed wireless deployments. Starter plan offers speeds up to 25 Mbps for \$60 a month. Up to 50 Mbps is \$80 a month and get Up to 100 Mbps for \$160 a month. These offerings are dependent on how close the location is to a serving tower site.</p>
<p>Firefly Burchs Creek /</p> <p>This project was scoped to include additional locations but scaled back due to CARES deadlines.</p>	<p>13% vendor, 87% State</p>	<p>\$230,245</p>	<p>In summary, up to 62 locations served through a fiber broadband extended project adding to our VATI funded Midway project. Corner of Midway Road up Burchs Creek Road and the neighborhoods off Burchs Creek Road will be offered fiber service (https://www.fireflyva.com) (up to 1gbps down/1gbps up ~\$80 per month) with the basic service of 100mbps down/100mbps up at ~\$50 per month. This project is currently obtaining necessary easements and 1/3 of it is flagged for construction to start soon.</p>
<p>Nelson Cable /</p> <p>This project is also subject to CARES deadlines or otherwise may have included more locations.</p>	<p>18% vendor, 72% local CRF</p>	<p>\$32,500</p>	<p>This project is a fiber to the premise project. It is utilizing easements Nelson Cable has with APCo in and around Scottsville. This is Phase 1 of a fiber build and will offer fiber service to up to 27 locations including 2 public safety facilities. Nelson Cable already has all equipment procured for the project and is beginning construction. From their website Nelson Cable will offer the following speeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 25/25: \$9.95 per month – available to qualifying households with school age children b. 50/50: \$39.99 per month c. 100/100: \$48.99 per month d. 500/500: \$63.99 per month e. 1,000/1,000: \$78.99 per month