

A continued meeting of the Albemarle County Broadband Authority was held on March 10, 2021. The meeting was held as part of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors work session and was held electronically using Zoom and telephone starting at 3:20 p.m.

PRESENT AND ATTENDING REMOTELY: Mr. Bucky Walsh, Ms. Liz Palmer, Ms. Donna Price, Mr. Trevor Henry

ABSENT: Mr. Waldo Jaquith, Mr. Bill Fritz

Also Present: Mr. Mike Culp (ABBA, Chief Administrative Officer)

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Mr. Henry made presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Henry stated that in March the BOS directed staff to prepare \$3 million appropriated (\$2 Million from Pandemic Response, Recovery, and Reconstitution and Contingency Reserve and \$1 million from Advancing Strategic Priorities Reserve.)

Mr. Henry noted that the staff recommendation was to continue support for infrastructure, provide affordability support and establish an Office of Broadband Access.

Mr. Henry outlined the FY22 recommended budget

\$536,376 for two full-time employees, related operating costs and an affordability support program.

\$286,376 for Broadband Office

\$250,000 for Access and Affordability Program

\$350,000 one-time funding from the General Fund for a combined contribution in FY21 and FY22 of \$3 million to the ABBA fund.

Mr. Henry recommended for FY21 using \$350,000 of the \$3 Million to support start up of Broadband Office and Affordability Program.

\$100,000 for Broadband Office start up

\$250,000 for Access and Affordability Program start up

Mr. Culp stated that discussions are ongoing with Dominion and Firefly to develop partnerships to deploy broadband.

With no further business before the Broadband Authority Mr. Walsh adjourned the meeting at 4:20.