



**AMHERST COUNTY
BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD**



Broadband Authority Board

Jennifer R. Moore, Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Tom Martin, Director
L. J. Ayers III, Director
Claudia D. Tucker, Director

MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street -
Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 6:30 PM

Clerk
Dean C. Rodgers

Treasurer
Stacey L. Wilkes

County Attorney
Mark C. Popovich

I Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board held on February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., the following members were present:

BROADBAND AUTHORITY BOARD:

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Jennifer R. Moore, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Director
Tom Martin, Director
L. J. Ayers III, Director
ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Dean C. Rodgers, County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Regina M. Rice, Clerk to Boards

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II Approval of Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Moore and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III Amherst County Broadband Authority Board - Reorganization for 2021

Chair Tucker opened the floor to accept nominations for Chair of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board.

Director Pugh nominated Ms. Jennifer Moore as Chair.

By motion of Director Pugh and with the following vote, the Board appointed Ms. Jennifer Moore as Chair of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board.

AYE: Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Chair Moore opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice-Chair of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board.

Director Martin nominated Mr. David W. Pugh, Jr. as Vice-Chair of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board.

By motion of Director Martin and with the following vote, the Board appointed Mr. David W. Pugh, Jr. Vice-Chair of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board.

AYE: Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IV Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V Approval of Minutes

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the minutes for August 4, 2020.

AYE: Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A Minutes - August 4, 2020

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes for August 4, 2020.

VI Fire-fly Contract Approval & Appropriation

A Economic Development Grant Agreement

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant addressed the Board regarding an agreement between the County and Firefly to provide broadband to certain areas using CARES Act funding.

Mr. Bryant reported that three projects were approved in the fall and this is the official contract for the Boxwood Farm, Piney River, Temperance and Gladstone expansion projects.

He said he will provide an area project map to the Board of Supervisors at tonight's meeting at which time the Board of Supervisors will approve and appropriate the funds.

By motion of Director Martin, and with the following vote the Board approved the Economic Development Grant Agreement titled "CVSI Amherst Cares 2".

AYE: Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VII Matters from Members of the Broadband Authority Board

Chair Moore had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Pugh asked about the 12/30/20 deadline regarding those funds which had to be spent. County Administrator Rodgers advised the first \$500,000 deadline was 12/30/20 and the \$1.3M was 12/25/20, however, both have been extended to December 2021.

Director Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Director Martin asked about the status of the VATI Grant. County Administrator Rodgers responded that we are still waiting.

Director Tucker had no matter to discuss.

VIII Adjournment

By motion of Director Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

AYE: Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Jennifer R. Moore, Chair
Amherst County Broadband Authority Board



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

