



COUNTY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
122 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 202
BEDFORD, VIRGINIA 24523

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ALLEN BOAZ, JR.
CHARLES CALLOWAY
DARREL C. CAMPBELL
BILL GUZEK
EDWARD H. HOISINGTON
GREG MODEZELEWSKI
LEE WALKER
KEVIN MELE

BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Broadband Advisory Committee meeting 5/09/2019

Attendees:

George Condyles (The Atlantic Group - Consultant) and John Barret (The Atlantic Group), Warner Hall (Brisnet), Allen Boaz (Chairman), Charles Calloway (BCPS), Andy Dooley (BOS), Ed Hoisington (BCPS), Greg Modzelewski (Broadband Advisory Committee), Darrell Campbell (Broadband Advisory Committee), Lee Walker (Broadband Advisory Committee), Kevin Mele (Broadband Advisory Committee), Edgar Tuck (BOS), Matt Hollingram (Core Telecom Systems), Anthony Smith (Blue Ridge Towers) and Sean Cai (Blue Ridge Towers) and Robert Hiss (County Administrator).

Chairman Allen Boaz opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to George Condyles.

George briefed the group on his status report that was sent to the BOS. He briefly talked about the ground breaking, who should be invited and possibly having a press conference with the media. He will follow-up with Traci on this. He requested any new broadband related providers such as River Street, who provides fiber, that George be made aware of them and he will research the company and contact them and invite them to the meetings if applicable.

The VATI grant from the state, which is for the four locations, Big Island, Big Island ES, Wheats Valley and Dumpling Mtn. has an issue because we will not be doing Dumpling Mtn. Robert Hiss has been in contact with the state. The county cannot just make changes and still get the funding without approval from the state. In previous meetings it was discussed to put up a tower in New London, but this would not meet the 90% county coverage, a tower at the county landfill is being proposed. While the elevation of landfill is 120 feet lower, the coverage is just as good as Dumpling Mtn. because of the terrain. George has prepared the material for the state and submitted it to Robert to follow-up with the state. Robert has suggested that we "take the foot off the gas" on these sites until we hear back from the state, as well as the need to understand the process for receiving payment to avoid not receiving any payments.

George turned the meeting over to Anthony Smith to go over his status. Anthony briefed the group on his status report submitted to the Board too. The towers that will be on county property do not need a Special Use Permit (SUP), but only county administrative approval. Only the Big Island (initially this land will be owned by Blue Ridge and later the county) and Moneta will need a SUP only to ensure that these two sites meet with the Comprehensive Plan.

The towers have been ordered and paid for; they are currently 6 weeks out.

Issues have risen with the BRWA as it relates to the sites (Wheats Valley and McGee) and New London water tower. Sean has asked Edgar and Andy to talk with Brian Key, Director of BRWA and the BRWA board members to determine what can be worked out.

New Business

COUNTY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

BROADBAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Page 2

Montvale and SCS continues to be a problem. Robert will look through the county material and see if there is a contract/lease/MOU with SCS and contact MBC if needed for this material. No action can or will be taken until this material is reviewed.

Blue Ridge Towers is planning on late summer to be up on the Montvale tower with both 900 MHz and 5.8 GHz technology. 900 is capable of going through trees and 5.8 is a line of site technology.

Darrell Campbell said he has been in contact with SCS (Clay Stewart) on locating a repeater in several different locations. Clay indicating there are improvements coming. Hopefully, this will happen.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13 from 10-12 in Main Floor Conference room.

###