



County of Augusta  
Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee)  
PO Box 590  
Verona, VA 24482

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 7:00 pm**  
Augusta County Government Center  
Smith West Room

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Henderson, Pastures District  
Mr. Powell, Middle River District  
Ms. Thornton, North River District  
Ms. Carter, Board of Supervisors Liaison  
Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

**ABSENT:** Mr. Lawhorne, Riverheads District  
Mr. McHaffa, South River District  
Mr. Journell, Beverly Manor District  
Mr. Craig, Wayne District  
Dr. Pattie, Board of Supervisors Liaison  
Ms. Susie Miller, Sub-Committee

VIRGINIA: At the regular meeting of the Augusta County Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee) held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Smith West Room at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

### **Call to Order**

Meeting started at 7:00pm. A quorum was not present.

### **Adoption of the Minutes**

Minutes from the August 22, 2019 and September 26, 2019 meeting were not considered due to a quorum not being present.

### **Comments by the Public**

None

### **Special Presentations**

None

### **Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees**

None

### **Matters to be Presented by Staff**

Ms. Whetzel noted that the VATI 2020 grant application for the Middlebrook project was challenged by a local provider (HSL). The provider noted addresses in the area that utilize their service. The County is drafting a response, noting that the application is for fiber-to-the-home, so some of the addresses are outside the project area. A response is due in early November.

The November and December Committee meetings fall on or near a holiday. Staff will reach out to the Committee via e-mail or conference call if needed.



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### **Old Business**

The Committee reviewed a draft form that attempts to simplify the draft Request for Proposal related to the Design and Construction of Broadband Infrastructure in Augusta County. The procurement process will follow the Virginia Public Private Educational Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA). The form follows the requirements set forth in the PPEA. The Committee noted to further clarify or include: notation that lead time should be included in schedule, need for liquidated damages/bonding/risk assurance, need for resumes, add a checklist, add a flow chart, and add directions for line items within the form/questions.

### **New Business**

Mr. Powell updated the Committee on New Hope Telephone's fiber project.

It was noted that Rural Utilities Service (RUS) USDA was financing 253 million feet of fiber in Virginia in the next few months.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2020 at 7 pm in the Smith West Room. With no further discussion by the committee, the meeting adjourned.