



AGENDA

FRANKLIN COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 at 12 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM B-75

- 12:00 P.M. Call to Order, Lorie Smith, Broadband Authority Chair
- 12:01 Approval of Authority Minutes – March 21, 2023
- 12:05 VATI Projects Updates
- Shentel (VATI 2021 & VATI 2022)
 - Jessica Wilmer, Manager, Project Management
 - RiverStreet Networks (VATI 2022)
 - Amanda Cox, External Affairs Manager, American Electric Power (AEP)
 - Rob Taylor, Director of Business Development & Government Relations
- 12:30 Updates – Steven Sandy, Assistant County Administrator
- VATI 2024 Schedule and Deadlines (**Attachment #1**)
 - BEAD Program Info
 - Other

Comments of Authority Members

Adjournment

Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting to follow at 1:30 p.m.

VATI 2024 GRANT TIMELINE

Important Note: The timeline outlined below is for the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative FY2024 Application Period for the purposes of State General Funds. This timeline does not reflect dates and deadlines for funding under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. BEAD dates and deadlines will be posted separately on this webpage.

August 1 – Draft Guidelines Released for Opening of Public Comment Period

August 24, 10AM – 12PM – Public Input Session on Draft Guidelines

September 1 – Public Comment Period on Draft Guidelines Closes

September 15 – DHCD releases Final Guidelines for the FY2024 VATI Round

September 21, 10AM – 12PM – VATI How-to-Apply Webinar

September 21 – Applications Open

September 21 – December 19 – VATI Technical Assistance and Project Development Sessions

October 19 – Notice of Applications Due

October 26 – DHCD Posts Notices of Application on VATI website

December 19 – Applications Due

January 4 (2024) – DHCD Posts Applications on VATI Website

February 8 – Challenges Due

February 15 – DHCD Notifies Challenged Applicants

March 8 – Deadline for Challenge Rebuttals

April 12 – DHCD Notifies All Parties of Challenge Determination

April 23 – Rescoped Application Materials Due Reflective of Challenge Determination

To Be Announced – Anticipated Announcement of Awards