

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY HELD A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, AT 12:00 P.M., IN ROOM B-75 LOCATED IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mike Carter
Tommy Cundiff
Leland Mitchell
Ronnie Mitchell
Lorie Smith
Tim Tatum
Ronnie Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator
Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator
Steve Sandy, Assistant County Administrator
Madeline L. Sefcik, CMC, Clerk

Leland Mitchell, Chairman called the meeting to order.

VATI 2020 Project updates

Blue Ridge Towers gave a brief overview of their VATI 2020 Projects and let the Board know they were available to answer any questions.

Seiontec spoke to the Board and updated them on the number of users they have already provided services to in Franklin County.

Steven Sandy, Assistant County Administrator let the Board know of a change order request submitted by Blue Ridge Towers regarding the Henry Volunteer Station and the Fork Mountain Volunteer station. These are change order requests #4 and #5.

General discussion ensued and Supervisor R. Mitchell asked if there were funds still available for change order requests. The answer was yes.

(RESOLUTION #01-03-2022)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Authority to approve change order request #4-Henry Volunteer Station, and change order request #5- Fork Mountain Volunteer Station.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson
SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll Call was taken

Authorization for County Administration to sign FCC MOU for Westlake tower

Steven Sandy, Assistant County Administrator let the Board know of approval (from the authority) needed to be able to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the Westlake Tower.

General discussion ensued.

(RESOLUTION #02-03-2022)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Authority to authorize Steven Sandy, Assistant County Administrator to sign the FCC MOU document in support of the mitigation efforts provided for the proposed Westlake Tower.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll Call was taken

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE VATI 2020 GRANT AND PPEA CONTRACT DEADLINES

(RESOLUTION #03-03-2022)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Authority approves the requested project schedule amendments as part of the County's PPEA agreement with Blue Ridge Towers and Briscnet (now Seiontec) to indicate final completion of the Westlake Tower site and entire VATI 2020 project to August 15, 2022. Furthermore, staff is requested to submit a written request for an extension of the VATI 2020 grant.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll Call was taken

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting