

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, AT 3:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM LOCATED IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mike Carter
Tommy Cundiff
Leland Mitchell, Chairman
Ronald Mitchell
Lorie Smith, Vice-Chairman
Tim Tatum

ABSENT Ronnie Thompson

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

Leland Mitchell, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

FIXED WIRELESS PROJECT UPDATES (VATI 2020 PROJECT)

STEVEN SANDY, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ANTHONY SMITH, BLUE RIDGE TOWERS

Mr. Smith presented the PowerPoint below:



Franklin County Broadband
Progress Report

June 14, 2021



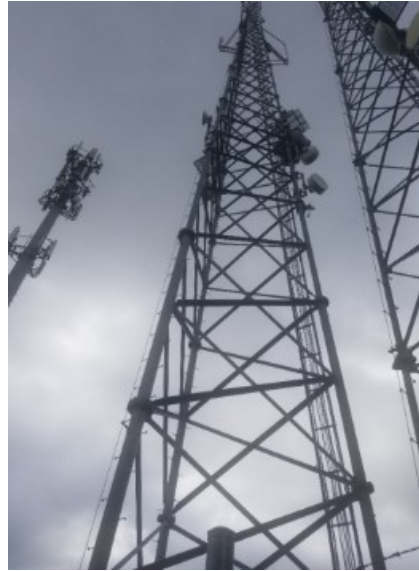
[Scruggs (155' rad)]

- **Site All Completed**
- **BRISNET On Air**



[Grassy Hill (120' rad)]

- All Completed
- Testing On Air
- Ready for Customers soon



[Tom's Knob (120' rad)]

- **All Completed**
- **Testing On Air**
- **Ready for Customers soon**



[Industrial Park/Summit View]

- Power On
- Fiber delivered to compound
- Lease awaiting execution
- Equipment waiting in warehouse
- ETA on air 45 days BRISNET Service



[Burnt Chimney (82' rad)]

- Power On
- Fiber completed and working
- Cabinet on site
- Antennas waiting at warehouse
- Waiting on lease execution
- Then install antennas and test
- ETA on air next month BRISNET
Service pending lease execution



[Snow Creek 195' monopole]

- Tower all Completed
- Final Inspection Completed
- Ready to Turn over to County
- Blue Ridge Towers' tasks all completed
- Ready and awaiting BRISNET



[Sontag 150' monopole]

- Tower all Completed
- Final Inspection completed
- Power and Fiber on site
- Blue Ridge Towers' tasks all completed
- Ready and awaiting BRISNET



[Glade Hill Elem School 80']

- Tower Stacked
- Construction Complete
- Power delivery in process
- Fiber Completion 1 week
- Ready for BRISNET installs next month and on air testing



[Henry VFD 195' monopole]

- Construction Underway
- Foundation Complete
- Power conduit in process
- Microwave equipment ordered
- Fence completed
- BRISNET to install equipment next (after tower completion)



Fork Mountain VFD 195'

- Permit Issued
- Fiber delivered to VFD already, last ¼ mile fiber delivery once tower construction underway
- Power ordered and designed
- Construction scheduled next week
- Microwave ordered (for path to Henry)
- Tower complete ETA 40 days



Callaway Elem School 195'

- Construction Started
- Rebar/Foundation Underway
- Power ordered, designed, AEP waiting on release
- Concrete Pouring June 14, 2021
- Tower Stack scheduled 2 weeks



Westlake 160' Monopine

- Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) submitted to FCC & State SHPO offices
- FCC reviewing Agreement
- Zoning Approval delayed pending MOU/MOA acceptance first
- Site On air ETA Sept/2021



[Sites On Air NOW]

- Scruggs
- Toms Knob
- Grassy Hill



[Sites On Air Next]

- Snow Creek
- Glade Hill Elem
- Sontag
- Burnt Chimney
- Industrial Park



[Rest of the Sites to follow]

- Henry
- Callaway
- Fork Mountain
- Westlake



Mr. Sandy presented a request from Blue Ridge Towers for a change order for access road repairs at Fork Mountain Site in the amount of \$16,750.

(RESOLUTION #01-06-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Broadband Authority to accept the change order #1 and repair the access road for \$16,750 to fix the road and the drainage keeping in mind R. Mitchell's recommendation of using geotextile fabric and 2 inches #2 style stone as a subbase and 4 inches 21 a foam from Roanoke Rocky Dale for a total of 6 inches.

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

JOHN MANNING, BRISNET

Mr. Manning gave an overview of the Briscnet progress and general discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION OF 2021 VATI GRANT AWARD - STEVEN SANDY & MIKE LOCKABY

1. Project Award and Scope
2. Next Steps

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL 2022 VATI APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sandy explained that the time was arriving for the Authority and staff to begin working on VATI 2022 applications. *With the Board's consensus* staff was directed to begin these applications.

OTHER ITEMS BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Supervisor Smith asked about the areas on the Broadband map that are not covered. She questioned if these areas will not receive any Broadband. Mr. Sandy responded and let her know these are areas that need to be addressed in future years and will be considered in VATI 2022 applications.

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting