

Lancaster County Broadband Authority



Report to the Board of Supervisors

August 23, 2018

Since receiving the Board's approval on July 26, the Broadband Authority has filed its Articles of Incorporation, elected officers, set a regular meeting date/time of Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the public meeting room of the County Administration Building.

The officers are:

Chair – Cassie Thompson

Vice Chair – David Pere

Secretary – Margie Armen

Treasurer – Kevin Bean

Complete minutes of the Authority's meetings are available, but this report will highlight several important items that are currently in process.

1. The Authority is continuing to engage in discussions with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) about the timing and content of our access and utilization survey. The survey will be a key element in determining the most appropriate way to scope and schedule future broadband expansion projects.
2. The Authority has received a proposal from the homeowners in the Eagle Landing subdivision to participate in their application for funding from the Virginia Technology Initiative (VATI) to underwrite a substantial portion of the construction cost for Atlantic Broadband to install its cable to bring service to their homes. The Authority is considering this request, but has not yet decided whether to participate.
3. Finally, prior to formation of the Authority, the Board had requested its informal advisory group to provide a briefing on issues surrounding the renewal of the County's cable television franchise. To complete that request, the informal advisory group, led by Sharon Thompson Gill, is planning to meet with Supervisors individually over the next several weeks in anticipation of the Board's scheduled meeting with Atlantic Broadband on September 11.

