



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
June 27, 2019

Complete minutes of the Broadband Authority's meetings are available but this report will update you on important items that are in process.

1. We have continued to move ahead on the activities applicable to the Telecommunications Planning Grant. During the month of June we obtained clarification of the requirements to be met in the first three months of the grant. Because the initial instructions have been revised, the new date for completion of the required activities is September 16, 2019. We have already completed several of the grant requirements. Specifically:
 - A. We held two public meetings to share general information about the Authority and the grant with interested residents.
 - B. We have assembled a Project Management Team comprised of community leaders in business, government, education, health care, and telecommunications and held the first of two required meetings with that group.
 - C. We have secured a firm commitment from the Center for Innovative Technology to support a community needs assessment survey that will be conducted from mid-July to mid-August.
2. Authority Member Gary Silverman attended a conference for telecommunications specialists at which hardware and software innovations were demonstrated.
3. After several attempts to set a date and time, we have a firm date to meet with Francis Bradley, Government Relations Director of Atlantic Broadband. This will be a closed meeting to discuss contract matters. Following the meeting we intend to make a full presentation and recommendations.
4. The Authority requests that the Board of Supervisors consider adopting a resolution that will authorize the use of the contracting method known as a public-private partnership or "P3" under Virginia's Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002, VA Code § 56-575.1 et seq. We are requesting this resolution specifically for the benefit of the Broadband Authority, but at the discretion of the Board, and after consultation with counsel, you may wish to widen the authorization to cover all instrumentalities of County government. We will be happy to provide any assistance to facilitate this action, including presenting a draft resolution for your approval.