



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
January 30, 2020

Complete minutes of the Broadband Authority's meetings are available online at www.lancova-broadband.org, but this report will update you on important items that are in process.

1. Our meeting with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is tentatively scheduled for February 6, 2020. We expect that we will present our final project management plan at that time and receive approval to begin using the Telecommunication Planning Grant funds for which we have qualified.
2. We received several responses to our RFI, and after evaluation, we have selected a contractor to work with on developing a comprehensive plan for delivering service to unserved areas in the County. We expect to sign an agreement in the next few days and will have a full description for the Board at next month's meeting. The agreement will also provide for preparation and submission of a competitive grant application to the US Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service for a 100% grant in an amount sufficient to complete all the work to provide top-quality service in unserved areas. If awarded, this grant would also require a local government contribution, which we have identified in our budget submission for FY 2021. We will provide more detailed information on that request during the budget review process.
3. We have also been in discussions with Northern Neck Electric Cooperative and Atlantic Broadband about the "River Road Project," which NNEC announced at its annual meeting last August. This project would provide service along the length of Route 354. We are continuing to pursue these matters, including following up to determine whether any contribution will be requested from the County.