



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
July 25, 2019

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. We have continued to move ahead on the activities applicable to the Telecommunications Planning Grant. The principal activity at this stage is the community needs assessment survey. We have taken a number of steps to increase public awareness of the forthcoming survey. These include radio interviews, newspaper articles, and in-person events. More activities like these will continue throughout the survey period as part of our effort to get the largest possible number of responses.
2. The surveys themselves have been printed and mailed to 7,700 county residents and non-resident landowners. The mailing includes a return envelope, so folks who can't get to a computer can respond on paper. But for those who can access a cell phone or a computer, our website is now live and working, so people can take the survey online. The website address is www.lancova-broadband.org. There is also a link on the County website that will take visitors to our new website and the survey. We invite the Board and everyone here this evening to log on and take the survey. The survey will remain open until August 20, but there's no time like the present to invest 10 minutes of your time in the future of this County!
3. In addition to our regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month, we will hold a special meeting on August 5 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will outline a project plan for our next steps. It is open to the public and will take place here in the public meeting room.
4. Since our last report, we also attended Representative Wittman's regional broadband task force meeting, and we participated in a local event with Senator McDougle and others. We also continued to attend outreach events for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) and the Virginia Telecommunications Officers Association (VATOA).
5. In the midst of these other activities, we also met with representatives of Atlantic Broadband on the subject of their proposed contract for cable television services in the County. Atlantic Broadband continues to perform under the prior contract while conversations about a new contract are ongoing. We expect at least one more meeting will be needed before we can make a recommendation and we will keep the Board fully informed as discussions continue on the proposed contract and related matters.