

**COUNTY OF LANCASTER, VIRGINIA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a  
Broadband Authority for Lancaster County**

In accordance with Section 15.2-5431.5 of the *Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended*, the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors shall conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment on and to consider a Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Broadband Authority for Lancaster County on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Lancaster County Administration Building, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, Virginia. The proposed resolution reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lancaster, Virginia (the “Board”) finds that Lancaster County is unserved or underserved by qualifying communications services, and that this affects public safety and is an economic, educational, and social disadvantage to the citizens of Lancaster County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that access to qualifying communications services, including but not limited to affordable and reliable broadband internet access, is essential to economic development in Lancaster County, and would offer a significant benefit to the public health, safety, education and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Lancaster County authorizes the creation of the Lancaster County Broadband Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended*.) (the “Act”), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority shall be a body corporate and politic with all the rights, powers and duties authorized by the Act, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a public hearing shall be held on July 26, 2018 to obtain public input and to approve and establish the Lancaster County Broadband Authority and to authorize the filing of its Articles of Incorporation, a copy of which appears below:

**Lancaster County Broadband Authority  
Articles of Incorporation**

**1. Authority Name**

The name of the authority shall be the “Lancaster County Broadband Authority” (the “Authority”).

**2. Locality Creating the Authority**

The locality creating the Authority is the County of Lancaster, Virginia.

**3. Principal Office**

The principal office of the Authority shall be the Lancaster County Administration Building, located at 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, Virginia 22503.

**4. Purpose of the Authority**

The purpose of the Authority is to provide qualifying communications services, consistent with § 56-484.7:1, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended*, including but not limited to, affordable and reliable broadband internet access, to all citizens of Lancaster County.

**5. Board of Directors**

- 5.1. The Board of Directors of the Authority shall consist of 5 members appointed by the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors who shall be chosen for their knowledge, skills and demonstrated commitment to securing qualifying communications services, including but not limited to reliable and affordable broadband internet access for all citizens of Lancaster County.
- 5.2. Directors shall select a chair and vice-chair from among their number.
- 5.3. Directors shall serve a term of two-years, ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of odd numbered years. The terms of the initial directors shall end on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- 5.4. Directors may be reappointed and there shall be no limit on the number of terms they may serve.
- 5.5. The initial Directors of the Authority shall be:

David Pere  
 210 River Village Drive  
 Weems, VA 22576

Ocassa "Cassie" Thompson  
 2041 Laurel Point Road  
 Lancaster, VA 22503

Gary Silverman  
 372 Conley Road  
 Lancaster, VA 22503

Kevin Bean  
 28 Hudgins Avenue  
 Lancaster, VA 22503

Margaret Armen  
 275 Crossing Cove Way  
 White Stone, VA. 22578

**6. Powers of the Authority**

- 6.1. The Lancaster County Broadband Authority shall exercise all the rights, duties, powers set forth in the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act, § 15.2-5431.1, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia, 1950*, as amended.
- 6.2. The Authority shall in all respects conduct its business in full compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of Lancaster County.

The Board of Supervisors may set rules governing the conduct of the public hearing.

Written comments may be submitted to the County Administrator’s Office at 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, Virginia 22503, by facsimile at (804) 462-0031 or may be presented during the public hearing.

A hard copy of the proposed resolution is available for public inspection at the County Administrator’s Office during regular business hours; telephone: (804) 462-5129. It is also posted on the county’s website at [www.lancova.com](http://www.lancova.com).

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