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ORANGE COUNTY CREATES BROADBAND AUTHORITY

Orange County, VA – Orange County is proud to announce the recent creation of the Orange County Broadband Authority (OCBbA). At a meeting on April 26, 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the creation of the Broadband Authority, and on June 8, 2016, the Orange County Broadband Authority was officially incorporated by the State Corporation Commission (SCC).

Recognizing the importance of connectivity, the Board of Supervisors created the Broadband Authority for the purpose of facilitating the provision of affordable broadband service to local businesses, governmental agencies, and the public. Access to affordable, reliable high-speed broadband, particularly across the rural geography of the County, is important for fostering economic development, improving educational opportunities, ensuring public safety, and enhancing the overall quality of life for the citizens of Orange County.

This wholesale broadband service will be offered through an “open access” network available to private sector telecommunications companies.

At its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, the Broadband Authority, comprised of the current five (5) members of the Board of Supervisors, adopted bylaws, appointed officers, adopted a procurement policy, discussed a meeting schedule, and reviewed a sample budget. James K. “Jim” White was appointed as Chair, Lee H. Frame was appointed as Vice Chair, and R. Bryan David was appointed as Secretary and Treasurer.

Up-to-date information on the Broadband Authority and its efforts may be accessed by visiting www.orangecountyva.gov/BroadbandAuthority. The website contains links to pertinent documents, access to media notifications and the calendar of meetings, as well as agendas and minutes.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit the “Notify Me” portal on the County’s website, where they can subscribe to receive real-time updates as soon as new information is posted regarding the Broadband Authority. Users can choose to subscribe to the Broadband Authority calendar in order to be notified of upcoming meetings, as well as the Broadband Authority agendas as a way to receive a link to access the newest meeting agendas and supporting documents.

For more information regarding the Broadband Authority, please contact the County Administrator’s Office at (540) 672-3313.

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