

At a special called meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held at the Administration Building on September 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Gary D. Walker, Chairman
Will Garnett, Vice Chairman
Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.
Kay M. Pierantoni

Absent: Robert L. Shook, Jr
Tony Reeves
Donna Fore

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Pierantoni gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Garnett, seconded by Supervisor Hamlett pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.29, that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors hold a closed meeting for the following purpose:

Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Roll call vote as follows: Supervisor Garnett-Aye; Supervisor Hamlett-Aye Supervisor Pierantoni-Aye; Chairman Walker-Aye; and Supervisors Fore, Shook and Reeves Absent.

Supervisor Shook arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Motion was made by Supervisor Garnett, seconded by Supervisor Hamlett to return to open session and adopt the following certification of closed meeting;

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712 requires a certification by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors.

Roll call vote as follows: Supervisor Garnett-Aye; Supervisor Hamlett-Aye; Supervisor Pierantoni-Aye; Supervisor Shook-Aye; Chairman Walker-Aye; and Supervisors Fore and Reeves -absent.

Motion was made by Supervisor Pierantoni, seconded by Supervisor Hamlett and carried with Supervisors Fore and Reeves absent and all other members present and voting yes that the Board of Supervisors approve the submission from RiverStreet Networks to service the northern part of Charlotte County with a local match of \$1,383,300.00 requested from the County and from Empower Broadband, Inc. to service the southern part of Charlotte County with a local match of \$651,000.00 requested from the County. The local match totals \$1,938,900.

Motion was made by Supervisor Pierantoni, seconded by Supervisor Garnett, and carried with Supervisor Fore and Reeves absent and all other members present and voting yes to allocate the funds for broadband associated with Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant application and appropriate \$1,938,900.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hamlett, seconded by Supervisor Garnett, and carried with Supervisors Fore and Reeves absent, and all other members present and voting yes to enter into a

Memorandum of Understanding and any additional VATI grant documentations and authorize the County Administrator to handle all documents.

Administrator Witt discussed a \$3.00 per ton trash tax proposed by the State for use in parks. Mr. Carter from Mecklenburg County asked Charlotte County to submit a letter stating the Board of Supervisors oppose the addition of any additional tax on landfills and the Board is not interested in supporting another State imposed mandate.

The Board authorized Administrator Witt to forward the letter requested.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.