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Meeting of The Orange County Broadband Authority

January 2, 2024

Orange County Broadband Authority Board Members in attendance were R. Mark S Johnson, Keith Marhsall, Ed Van Hoven, Crystal Hale, and Bryan Nicol.

FiberLync (Orange County Broadband Authority) staff participating in the meeting who were in attendance: Nick Hamner, Operations Manager and Jenny Cord, Business Development. Sara Keeler (Orange County Finance Director) was also in attendance.

Mr. Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:37PM.

Organizational Meeting

In the Orange County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023, the Orange County Board of Supervisors appointed the following members to the Broadband Authority Board:

R. Mark Johnson (Re-Appointment)
Ed M. Van Hoven (Initial Appointment)
Keith F. Marshall (Re-Appointment)
Crystal D. Hale (Initial Appointment)
J. Bryan Nicol (Initial Appointment)

In an Organizational meeting held on January 2, 2024, the Orange County Broadband Authority Board made the following appointments:

Election of Chairman of the Board – Tom Lachney, County Attorney opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Keith Marshall made a motion to nominate R. Mark Johnson as Chairman of the Board. Bryan Nicol seconded the motion. The motion was unopposed and passed unanimously. Tom Lachney handed the floor back to the Chairman Mark Johnson.

Election of Vice-Chairman of the Board - Chairman, Mark Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Keith Marshall made a motion to nominate Ed Van Hoven for Vice-Chairman. Bryan Nicol seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously.

Mark Johnson struck item 3.c from the agenda as the board members were appointed by the Board of Supervisors in a meeting held on December 19, 2023. Tom Lachney spoke about changing the By-Laws in the next board meeting.

Mark Johnson spoke about the appointment of Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The Secretary of the Board is currently Jenny Cord. The Treasurer of the Board is currently Nick Hamner. Crystal Hale made a motion to appoint Jenny Cord as Secretary of the Board and Nick Hamner as Treasurer of the Board. Keith Marshall seconded the motion to appoint Jenny Cord as Secretary of the Board and Nick Hamner as Treasurer of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mark Johnson added an item to the agenda to appoint an Executive Director for the Orange County Broadband Authority as Article 7 Page 5 of the Orange County Broadband Authority By-Laws allows an Executive Director. Mark Johnson made a move to appoint James K. White as the Orange County Broadband Authority Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Ed Van Hoven. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Lachney will work with James K. White on a one-page document to explain the position of Executive Director.

Tom Lachney spoke of the need for a Closed Session. At 5:47PM Keith Marshall made a motion to enter Closed Session. Crystal Hale seconded the Motion. The Board moved to closed session at 5:47PM and returned from closed session at 6:21PM. Tom Lachney read the exit poll for Closed Meetings:

Do you certify that, to the best of your knowledge, (1) the only matters discussed in the closed meeting were matters exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting?

Ed Van Hoven – Aye
Keith Marshall – Aye
Mark Johnson – Aye
Crystal Hale – Aye
Bryan Nicol - Aye

The Chairman, Mark Johnson requested a motion to settle the Mr. Hoy case. Crystal Hale made a motion to settle the Mr. Hoy case. Ed Van Hoven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Crystal Hale and seconded by Ed Van Hoven the Orange County Broadband Authority meeting adjourned at 6:26PM.



R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

