

A VIRTUAL BROADBAND TOWN HALL MEETING WAS HELD BY THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 6:00 P.M. ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY. BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF ASSEMBLED AT THE NEW KENT VISITORS AND COMMERCE CENTER AT 7324 VINEYARDS PARKWAY, NEW KENT, VIRGINIA.

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Patricia A. Paige called the meeting to order.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Absent
Patricia A. Paige	Present
Ron Stiers	Present
John N. Lockwood	Present

All members with the exception of Mr. Tiller were present.

IN RE: WELCOME

Ms. Paige noted the Board's appreciation to those who had signed in for the virtual broadband town hall meeting. She reported the Board considered broadband to be a priority and would be following through on a promise to keep the community informed about progress being made to provide service to residents. She turned the floor over to County Administrator Rodney Hathaway.

IN RE: INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTER – RIVERSTREET NETWORKS

County Administrator Rodney Hathaway reported the Board of Supervisors had approved a contract with RiverStreet Networks on October 13, 2020 for the development of a fiber optic expansion plan for the County with the goal being to provide broadband service to every resident. He stated this action was different from previous actions the Board had taken to perform studies seeking options for how to provide service and to determine what type of service was needed. This action was a move to the next step of designing the service which the Board felt would be the most appropriate (fiber optic) based on the findings of previous studies. He reported RiverStreet Networks Business Development Manager Robert Taylor would be joining the meeting and he encouraged Mr. Taylor to introduce other members of his team who may be joining. RiverStreet had been asked to provide a brief introduction to their company and an overview of the fiber optic design process. Mr. Hathaway turned the floor over to Mr. Taylor and his team and thanked them for participating.

IN RE: PRESENTATION – RIVERSTREET NETWORKS

RiverStreet Networks Business Development Manager Robert Taylor thanked County Administrator Rodney Hathaway for the introduction. He indicated he had prepared a slide presentation to introduce RiverStreet to New Kent County as well as to provide an overview of the broadband expansion plan. He noted he would be sharing his screen and asked for confirmation that his presentation was visible. Once visibility was confirmed, Mr. Taylor began to move forward with introductions. No sooner than he had started, it became clear

the virtual meeting platform had been hacked. After several unsuccessful attempts to mute/block the hacker/hackers, Mr. Taylor stopped sharing his screen.

IN RE: QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

The question and answer period was skipped due to the hacking situation noted in the previous paragraph.

IN RE: CLOSING STATEMENTS

Ms. Paige thanked everyone who had joined the meeting and noted that unfortunately the meeting had been hacked and would be stopped. She stated the Board would schedule another time when the information could be made available to all residents. She again thanked everyone who had joined and thanked Mr. Taylor for attempting to share RiverStreet's information. She apologized for the vulgarity that had been seen and heard and again thanked all who had participated.

After the virtual meeting was stopped, the Board discussed how to best get the broadband information to the community. It was decided that Mr. Taylor would be asked to provide RiverStreet's slide presentation for possible posting on the New Kent County website. A list of questions including several from the community and others from staff had been compiled. Once available, written answers would also be posted to the County website.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Paige moved to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Absent
Ron Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.