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To whom it may concern,

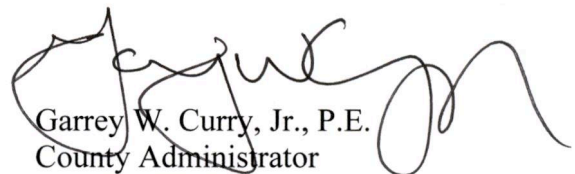
Please find enclosed the following:

1. Original signed Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors Resolution creating a wireless service authority named the "Rappahannock County Broadband Authority;"
2. Original signed Articles of Incorporation of the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority, which is attached to the Resolution and incorporated therein;
3. A check from the County of Rappahannock, Virginia in the amount of \$75, which represents the filing fee for the Articles of Incorporation.

Please issue and return to me a Certificate of Incorporation for the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority evidencing that the Articles of Incorporation have been admitted to record and approved by the State Corporation Commission.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me if you have any questions or need anything further.

Respectfully yours,


Garrey W. Curry, Jr., P.E.
County Administrator

Encl.

Cc: Arthur L. Goff, County Attorney

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY

The Rappahannock County, Virginia Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution creating the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority and setting forth the initial Articles of Incorporation after a public hearing on December 7, 2020, such hearing being properly advertised and conducted in conformity with the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (the "Act"), Chapter 54.1 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia (§15.2-5431.1 et seq.)

I. Authority Name

The name of the authority is "Rappahannock County Broadband Authority" ("the Authority").

II. Parties to the Authority

The sole initial member of the Authority is the County of Rappahannock, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

III. Principal Address

The address of the Authority's principal office is the Rappahannock County Administration Office which is located at: 3 Library Road, P.O. Box 519, Washington, Virginia 22747.

IV. Authority Board of Directors Terms of Office

The Board of Directors of the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority ("the Authority Board") shall consist of three (3) members with terms of four (4) years and two (2) members with terms of two (2) years for a total of five (5) members, which is equal to the number of members of the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors, as permitted under the Act. Upon the resignation or expiration of the term of an original member, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the general public not serving on the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy. The second resignation or expiration of a member may likewise be filled by a member of the general public not serving on the Board of Supervisors. Once two members are appointed from the general public, the composition of the Board of Directors may continue to include up to two members of the general public not serving on the Board of Supervisors. Any newly appointed member shall serve out the remainder of the term of the resigning or expiring member.

There is no maximum number of consecutive terms an appointed member may serve. The initial appointed directors shall be the five (5) current members of the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors.

The Authority Board shall exercise the powers of the Authority, and members of the Authority Board shall be appointed, serve, and be governed by the provisions of the Act. All members of the Authority Board shall have full voting rights and privileges.

Each member of the Authority Board before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed in §49-1 of the Code of Virginia.

The names and address of the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority are:

Christine Smith (2 year term)
11891 Lee Highway
Sperryville, VA 22740

Debbie P. Donehey (4 year term)
P.O. Box 396
Flint Hill, VA 22627

I. Christopher Parrish (2 year term)
303 Richmond Road
P.O. Box 1
Viewtown, VA 20106

Ronald L. Frazier (4 year term)
446 Viewtown Road
Amissville, VA 20106

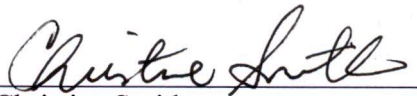
Keir A Whitson (4 year term)
722 Harris Hollow Road
Washington, VA 22747

V. Purpose of the Authority

The Authority's purpose is to provide qualifying communications services as authorized by the Act and Article 5.1 (§56-484.7:1 et seq.) of Chapter 15 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia.

VI. Powers of the Authority

The Authority is an instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide for the public health and welfare. The Authority shall have all rights, duties, and powers provided under the Act, including but not limited to, the power to sue and be sued in its own name, adopt an official seal, adopt bylaws and rules to govern its affairs, issue notes and revenue bonds, enter into contracts, and fix and charge fees for services. The Authority shall have all those powers, privileges and immunities as set forth in Va. Code § 15.2-5431.11 through § 15.2-5431.37, and all such other powers necessary in furtherance of its purposes as provided for by general law.



Christine Smith
Chair, Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors