Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

November 5, 2015

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met November 5, 2015 from 1pm to 3pm at the General Assembly Building, House Room C 915 East Broad Street. Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Byron, Chairperson

 Senator Ruff, Vice Chairperson

 Senator Carrico
 Delegate Minchew

 Delegate Surovell

 Hayes Framme (representing Secretary Jones)
 Sam Towell (representing Secretary Haymore)
 Ray LaMura

 Duront Walton
 Christy Morton
 Jimmy Carr
 Jane Dittmar

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary Jackson

 Delegate Leftwich

**STAFF PRESENT:** Caroline Stolle
 Lisa Wallmeyer

 Jean Plymale

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With twelve members of the council present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

**RAILROAD CROSSING**: Senator Carrico updated the council on the railroad crossing issue. The railroads will be working with general council to discuss solutions. Senator Carrico will keep the council updated.

**VDOT PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT AND RESOURCE SHARING PRESENTATION –** Richard Walton and Dean Gustafson (VDOT) discussed prescriptive easements and VDOT’s Fiber Optic Resource Sharing Program. For a copy of the presentation please contact caroline.stolle@cit.org.

**COMCAST PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT DISCUSSION –** Rob Omberg (Comcast) discussed prescriptive easements from Comcast’s perspective. Omberg said that Comcast does not agree with the Attorney General’s opinion and may be coming back to the council regarding the issue. A new Attorney General’s opinion could reduce the risk of investing in expansion.

**fixed wireless technologies presentation–** Jimmy Carr (All Points Broadband and council member) presented on fixed wireless broadband. For a copy of the presentation please contact caroline.stolle@cit.org.

**member discussion**

* Delegate Byron requested a presentation from electric co-ops to hear what they are doing in broadband.
* Dittmar asked if there was anything VACO could be doing to support broadband legislation.
* LaMura said that VML and VACO need to be working with the council more.
* Dittmar said that at the next meeting she will be prepared to discuss how VACO and BAC can partner.
* Senator Ruff requested a presentation from MBC regarding their work in Halifax and Charlotte.

**NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:31PM.