



Board of Supervisors

1800 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063

Meeting: 05/04/21 02:00 PM
Department: County Administration
Category: Other
Prepared By: Paul Drumwright
Department Head: Kenneth A Young

**SCHEDULED
RESOLUTION**

(ID # 3997)

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2021 VIRGINIA
TELECOMMUNICATION INITIATIVE BROADBAND GRANT AND
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE GRANT AWARD AND MATCH
FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF
THE PROJECT**

Strat Goal 1	Efficient, effective, and transparent government; emphasis on customer service excellence	x
Strat Goal 2	Balanced development that contributes to the welfare of the community and preserves its rural character	
Strat Goal 3	Excellence in Financial Management	x
Strat Goal 4	High Quality Core Services including Education, Public Safety, and Community Health	x
Strat Goal 5	Positive Work Environment with a Highly Qualified, Diverse Workforce	

Board Action Requested

The Board is requested to adopt a Resolution accepting a 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Broadband Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget to appropriate the grant award and match funds and authorizing the County Administrator to execute any necessary documents in furtherance of the project.

Summary of Information

On August 17, 2020 Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services partnered to submit an application to the 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant program facilitated by the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Port 80 Internet Services is an active broadband provider in the county committed to serving unserved areas in the Crozier area. The initial 2021 VATI application included unserved and underserved portions of Goochland in the Crozier and Oilville areas.

On February 8, 2021 Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services submitted a rescoped 2021 VATI grant application to remove proposed areas that had been included in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. DHCD required proposed projects be rescoped and resubmitted if they overlapped areas in which terrestrial-based bidders received awards in the FCC RDOF auction.

On March 18, 2021 Governor Ralph Northam announced the award of \$20.1 million in Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) broadband grants. Grants were awarded for 11 projects, connecting over 13,400 homes, businesses, and community institutions, including Goochland County’s project with Port 80 Internet Services.

Resolution

Meeting of May 4, 2021

Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services were awarded \$567,557.98 in VATI grant funds to construct 18.9 miles of fiber backbone and 10.36 miles of fiber drops connecting 218 serviceable units, including 10 businesses. Goochland County's pledged match of \$100,000 towards the project has been assigned, but not appropriated. Port 80 Internet Services pledged \$247,707.40 in cash and in-kind services towards the project. The overall project total is \$915,265.38.

On April 9, 2021 Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services began contract negotiations and completion of pre-contract milestones to officially accept the 2021 VATI grant. The Board of Supervisors is requested to adopt a Resolution accepting the 2021 VATI broadband grant from the DHCD, amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget to appropriate the grant award of \$567,557.98 and \$100,000 county match funds, and authorizing the County Administrator to execute any necessary documents provided that the County Attorney has approved them as to legal form. This request for authority ahead of the completion of the documents related to the project is due to the quick nature of the grant milestones as well as an attempt to eliminate any delay in extending service to the community.

Representatives from Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services will provide a detailed presentation on this project at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting. Additional information will be shared on the county's website www.goochlandva.us.

Goochland County believes broadband internet access is essential for our community to support rural agriculture, business, education endeavors, public safety, and everyday life. On September 9, 2019, the county kicked off its 10 Steps to Broadband Internet Initiative which includes a commitment to provide all interested Goochland citizens access and options for universal broadband service provision.

Fostering partnerships with providers to incentivize expansion of service to unserved and underserved areas of the county is a priority of the county's 10 Steps to Broadband Internet Initiative.

The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to legal form.

Draft Motion:

I move that the Board (adopt / adopt as amended / deny / defer to *date*) this Resolution accepting a 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Broadband Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget to appropriate the grant award and match funds, and authorizing the County Administrator to execute any necessary documents in furtherance of the project.

Kenneth A Young

Kenneth A Young, County Administrator

4/28/2021

Resolution
ATTACHMENTS:

- VA DHCD Goochland 2021 VATI award letter1 (PDF)

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 3997							
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	Ken Peterson			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	John Lumpkins			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Neil Spoonhower			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Don Sharpe			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GOOCHLAND, VIRGINIA, HELD ON MAY 4, 2021, IN THE GOOCHLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1800 SANDY HOOK RD., SUITE 250, GOOCHLAND, VIRGINIA, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:

Resolution accepting a 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Broadband Grant, amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget to appropriate grant award and match funds, and authorizing the County Administrator to execute any necessary documents in furtherance of the project

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services partnered to submit an application to the 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant program; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, Goochland County and Port 80 Internet Services were awarded \$567,557.98 in VATI grant funds to construct 18.9 miles of fiber backbone and 10.36 miles of fiber drops connecting serviceable units, including 10 businesses; and

WHEREAS, Goochland County’s pledged match of \$100,000.00 towards the project has been assigned, but not appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes broadband internet access is essential for our community to support rural agriculture, business, education endeavors, public safety, and everyday life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Goochland County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts a 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Broadband Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and amends the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget to appropriate the \$567,557.98 grant award and \$100,000.00 county match funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator is authorized, in furtherance of the project, to execute any necessary documents provided that the County Attorney has approved them as to legal form.

Adopted this 4th day May, 2021.

A COPY ATTEST:

Kenneth A. Young, County Administrator
Gochland County Board of Supervisors



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

R. Brian Ball
Secretary of
Commerce and Trade

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Erik C. Johnston
Director

March 18, 2021

The Honorable John Lumpkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Goochland County
Board Meeting Room 250
1800 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063

RE: 2021 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative
Grant Offer

Dear Chairman Lumpkins:

On behalf of Governor Northam, it gives me great pleasure to inform you, Goochland County has been offered a Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Grant (VATI) in the amount of \$567,557.98 in support of the County's partnership with Port 80. This funding is offered from the 2021 VATI competitive round.

Tommy Hill, Telecommunication and Broadband Project Manager in the Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Broadband, will contact you to schedule a contract negotiation meeting and discuss next steps. We are pleased to be of assistance to Goochland County in expanding service to unserved areas of the county.

Sincerely,

Erik C. Johnston
Director

c: Kenneth A. Young, County Administrator
Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., DHCD
Tommy Hill, DHCD

