RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, (hereinafter "the County"), in cooperation with Bristol Virginia Utilities, finds it in the public interest to promote the upgrading of existing wireless communication towers with construction of one additional fiber optic line on existing Appalachian Electric Power and/or Verizon poles located on identified properties within the County; and

WHEREAS, such addition to the existing fiber optic routes will result in enhanced wireless communication abilities through a 4g wireless network for the County's present and future residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of landowners owning land where the enhanced fiber optic line runs on the aforesaid poles have agreed to convey easements for the purpose of creating an advanced wireless communication 4g wireless network as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the acquisition of 100% of the easements for the fiber optic line considered herein, the County hereby finds it to be in the public interest to approve, ratify and direct the public use and acquisition of such easements to further the purposes of the 4g wireless network; and

WHEREAS, based upon the negotiated amount of compensation previously offered and accepted by numerous County landowners, it is hereby determined by the County that the remaining affected landowners should be paid the aggregate sum of $500.00 per tract of land along the aforesaid existing American Electric Power and/or Verizon poles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-1903, Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended, and following a duly advertised and conducted public hearing, the County hereby authorizes the procurement of the aforesaid remaining easements over the affected properties pursuant to Section 15.2-1901, et. seq., and Sections 15.2-1904 and 15.2-1905, Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended; and

WHEREAS, petitions and all other necessary legal processes shall be filed in the name of the County to acquire the remaining easements, using the appropriate caption as provided by law, and same shall be filed and processed by Chafin Law Firm, P.C., of Lebanon, Virginia, or its designee, as Special Counsel to the County upon the terms and conditions previously reached with applicable funding sources and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County, by its Board of Supervisors, hereby adopts the foregoing Resolution and further affirms, approves and ratifies the actions taken by its Special Counsel to procure the remaining easements and justly compensate the affected landowners as provided herein and by applicable law, by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.