

**Town of Bluefield
Town Council
Public Hearing
June 12, 2018**

The Bluefield, Virginia Town Council held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. to receive input on an ordinance adopting a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise with Lumos Networks, Inc.

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT

Don Harris, Mayor
Ron Holt, Councilmember
Chuck Presley, Councilmember
Lee Riffe, Vice-Mayor
Jimmy Jones, Councilmember
Anglis Trigg, Jr., Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Watson, Town Manager
Matt Freedman, Town Attorney
Billie Roberts, Comm. Dev. Coordinator
Lesley Compton, Town Clerk
Kris Williams, Zoning Administrator
16 Members of Public

ABSENT

Shane Gunter, Police Chief

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Freedman read the following Legal Notice that appeared in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph on Monday, April 30, 2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on June 12, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 112 Huffard Drive in Bluefield, Virginia. This **PUBLIC HEARING** is being held to receive input on an ordinance adopting a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise with Lumos Networks, Inc. A copy of the full text of the said ordinance may be viewed prior to the said **PUBLIC HEARING** at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia at 112 Huffard Drive in Bluefield, Virginia, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear at the said **PUBLIC HEARING** and present their views. Questions/comments may be referred to Lesley Catron, the Town Clerk of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia at (276) 322-4626 or compton@bluefieldva.org.

Mr. Freedman stated that he would like to read a letter from Lumos to be included in the minutes (attached).

Mayor Harris asked if anyone cared to make a statement. He stated that Mr. Leedy's son worked for Lumos.

Mr. Leedy stated yes as a regional rep.

Mayor Harris asked if anyone had any comments.

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Don Harris, Mayor

Lesley Catron, Town Clerk



MAY 11, 2018

The Town of Bluefield recently published a Notice of Public Meeting in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph on April 30, 2018 in order to inform the public that the Council of the Town would be holding a public meeting to provide the citizens of Bluefield, Virginia with an opportunity to be heard with respect to a proposal to grant a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise within the corporate limits of the Town. In response to this Notice of Public Meeting, in addition to the submittal of a duly executed Franchise Ordinance, Lumos Networks Inc. submits the following responsive bid information:

Over the past several years, Lumos Networks has been actively engaged in the fulfillment of a significant expansion of its fiber optic telecommunications network in various key markets in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As part of this ongoing network expansion project, Lumos Networks requested the grant of a Franchise Ordinance from the Town of Bluefield. The grant of this Franchise Ordinance would allow Lumos Networks to install and maintain fiber optic telecommunications facilities within the Town's rights-of-way so as to provide advanced telecommunications services to potential business customers located within the Town. Following good faith negotiations between the Town and Lumos Networks, a tentative agreement on an appropriate Franchise Ordinance was recently reached.

Lumos Networks' history in the telecommunications industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia dates back to 1897 when its predecessor company was originally founded as the Clifton Forge-Waynesboro Telephone Company. Indeed, Lumos' predecessor organizations have had a long history of providing telecommunications service in the rural Virginia cities of Waynesboro and Covington, and portions of Alleghany, Augusta and Botetourt counties. Even today, Lumos Networks' corporate headquarters remains in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Over the years that have followed, Lumos Networks' wireline subsidiaries, including Lumos Networks Inc., evolved from traditional, rural incumbent local service companies into regional providers of innovative transport, internet protocol-based ("IP") service, and voice and data services in numerous strategic markets located in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina and Kentucky. With a current fiber network of approximately 11,028 fiber route miles, and more than 517,244 total fiber strand miles, Lumos Networks has positioned itself as one of the preeminent providers of fiber based telecommunications services in the Mid-Atlantic region.

In closing, Lumos Networks hopes the Council of the Town will vote favorably on its franchise bid, is thankful for the opportunity to bring its fiber based telecommunications services to the Town of Bluefield, and looks forward to a mutually beneficial business relationship with the Town and its citizens in the years to come.