INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Wayne Ridge, Dairus Reynnet, Brian Droscha, Brandon Haskell, Brian Lautzenheiser, Mark Mudry and Barbara Rogers.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Eric Daley, Nathan Nighbert and John Fuentes

The September 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Ridge.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Services Director, Eric Daley, provided an update on behalf of the Broadband Action Team. A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for broadband wired infrastructure expansion was presented and reviewed. The proposal is to seek interested internet service providers to establish service in identified unserved areas in the County and/or increase service levels in currently underserved areas in the County. The RFP is designed to include private investment in the project which may be leveraged as matching funds in an upcoming state Capital Projects Fund Broadband grant opportunity. It was also reported that the RFP was designed without a commitment of County funding. Consideration for County funding participation to enhance a grant application would be made by the Board of Commissioners, from its remaining American Rescue Plan allocation. There was discussion regarding other upcoming grant opportunities, including Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD), which are expected to become available in late 2023. Discussion held.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to authorize the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Services Director Daley also provided an update on the projects approved in the current budget to develop applications to retire internally-developed legacy systems. The application for the Economic Crime Unit has been developed and is in the testing and validation

phase. This system is expected to go live by the end of September 2022. Staff is also reviewing a proposal for an application to replace the current jail medical records application.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room in the Eaton County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

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Wayne Ridge, Chairperson