

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Commissioner Brian Lautzenheiser

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Joseph Brehler; Eric Daley, Nathan Nighbert and John Fuentes

The December 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.

The agenda stood, as presented.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Services Director, Eric Daley, presented a recommendation on behalf of the Community Broadband Action Team based on the responses received to the County's Request for Proposals. It was reported that the County received proposals from six ISPs to expand broadband service to the unserved and underserved areas of the County. Team members scored the proposals individually based on the criteria identified in the RFP. The Team met on November 28, 2022 to compile and discuss the scoring. Based on the results, it was determined that four ISPs were selected for follow-up interviews held on December 5, 2022.

As a result of the scoring and interviews, the Action Team is recommending ACD.net be selected as the ISP to develop a partnership agreement to pursue grant funding through the upcoming Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) program. Discussion held.

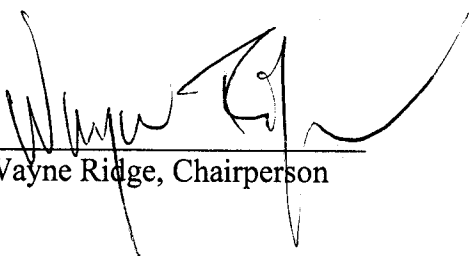
There was also discussion regarding the soon-to-be finalized grant information for the ROBIN program.

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve working with ACD.net to negotiate a broadband wired infrastructure partnership agreement based on the their proposal dated November 10, 2022 to pursue a ROBIN grant application for the balance of necessary funding to complete the construction contained in their proposed bid zones and to recommend to the Ways and Means

Committee that the County's remaining unallocated American Rescue Plan funds as identified at its November 10, 2022 meeting be allocated to be used as matching funds in the grant application. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held in January, 2023 at a date determined at the Board of Commissioners' Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room in the Eaton County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Wayne Ridge, Chairperson