

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
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; Jeff Parshall, and John Fuentes

The Information Technology and Communication Committee met in virtual session on May 5, 2021 as permitted by PA 228 of 2020, as amended and the local declaration of emergency dated April 21, 2021. The members made an announcement of the location from which they are participating as follows:

Commissioner Ridge, the Eaton County Courthouse in Charlotte, MI
Commissioner Reynnet, their residence in Windsor Township, Eaton County, MI
Commissioner Droscha, the Eaton County Courthouse in Charlotte, MI
Commissioner Haskell, a residence in Eagle Township, Clinton County, MI
Commissioner Lautzenheiser, the Eaton County Courthouse in Charlotte, MI
Commissioner Mudry, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI
Commissioner Rogers, the Eaton County Courthouse in Charlotte, MI

Chairperson Ridge called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Information was provided regarding a non-profit organization with the mission of improving broadband access in unserved and underserved areas. The Controller/Administrator has requested a proposal for services to conduct a community assessment survey to be utilized in consideration of development of a County broadband project. It was also reported that Ingham County is preparing to conduct a similar assessment. Discussion held.

It was reported that the Controller/Administrator has been contacted by two civic engagement software providers interested in providing the County with a solution.

Solicitations were based on identifying means to increase vaccinations, however both products offer additional services related to civic engagement. The Controller is discussing possible applications with the District Health Department. Discussion held.

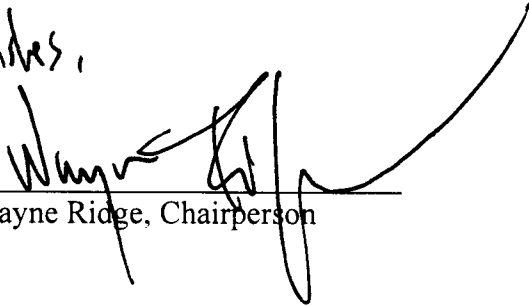
An update was provided on the FY21-22 Computer fund appropriation request. The request was reviewed for projects that may be considered to utilize an alternative funding source. Discussion held.

A five-year historical comparison of the initial appropriation and final approved appropriation was presented and discussed.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Ridge", written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Ridge, Chairperson