

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Brian Droscha, Barbara Rogers, Frank Holmes, Jacob Toomey, Brandon Haskell, Mark Mudry and Scott Hansen.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Mott, Eric Daley, Nathan Nighbert, Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson and Claudine Williams

The August 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Droscha.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Hansen moved the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the June 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Director Daley provided a Broadband Update. Director Daley reported the Eaton County Broadband ROBIN Grant application was not awarded. He said one hundred and fifty-four (154) applications were submitted by forty (40) applicants and twenty-four (24) projects submitted by 11 applicants were awarded. Eaton County came in twelfth. Mr. Daley shared the State of Michigan has been awarded 1.5 billion dollars for the next grant program called BEAD. The application window for BEAD will not be until the first or second quarter of 2024. ARPA dollars allocated to Broadband were discussed.

Director Daley provided an update on the MMRMA grant application. Director Daley stated an application was submitted for security cameras.

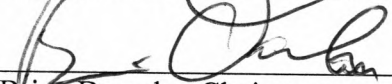
Director Daley provided an update on the following technology projects: website review, printer audit, and internet provider plan reviews.

Human Resources Director Ben Dawson provided an update on the hiring process for the Communications Director position. Mr. Dawson presented a request for assistance in building our communications structure. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend the approval a request for proposal and funding to contract with a communications consulting firm to assist in the development of a communications strategy for Eaton County to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Toomey opposed, Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Chairperson Droscha adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Information Technology & Communication Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Brian Droscha, Chairperson