

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Carmel Township Supervisor Steve Willard, Claudine Williams, Eric Daley, Nathan Nighbert and John Fuentes

The August 3, 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 Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

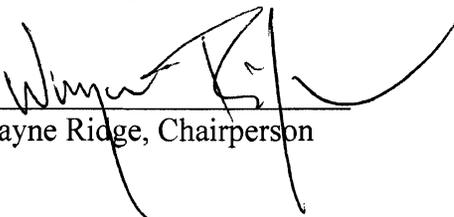
Technology Services Director, Eric Daley, provided an update on behalf of the Broadband Action Team. It was reported that the group discussed the development of a request for proposal (RFP) to seek responses from internet service providers (ISPs) for projects which would expand access to service to underserved areas within the County, utilizing a combination of private investment, State Capital Projects grant funding and County and local unit American Rescue Plan funds. The RFP approach utilized by two counties (Clinton and Allegan) for similar initiatives was discussed. The team intends on continuing its work to develop an RFP to be utilized. Carmel Township Supervisor Steve Willard also spoke regarding the team's recent meeting and the progress it made in developing a strategy to identify possible projects. Discussion held.

Director Daley also presented and discussed a proposal received for contractual services to ensure that scheduled projects are able to be completed. As was discussed at last month's meeting, the proposal was sought due to schedule concerns caused by position vacancies within the Department. Funding necessary for the contractual services proposal would come from budgetary savings resulting from the position vacancies. Discussion held. It was also reported that as of today there remains one position vacancy in the Department.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of a budget amendment utilizing budgetary personnel expenditure savings within the Technology Services Department for the proposed contractual services in the amount of \$95,545, to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room in the Eaton County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Wayne Ridge, Chairperson