

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Theresa Abed, Blake Mulder, Roger Harris and Mike Hosey.

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Leo Farhat, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Sobie and John Fuentes.

The April 1, 2010 regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Abed.

Commissioner Hosey moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Harris seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010 regular meeting, as presented. Commissioner Hosey seconded. Motion carried.

An update was provided on the activity related to the film initiative. Chairperson Abed indicated she is trying to arrange a meeting with Rick Hirt to discuss the County's involvement with the West Michigan Film Office. It was also reported that information from local units requested at the film forum has been received from some of those not in attendance. Contacts will be made to gather additional information from the remaining units for the County's database. It was also reported that there had been minimal activity on the County's film initiative webpage.

It was reported that Arialink decided not to pursue an application for funding in Round 2 of the Federal ARRA Broadband program funding cycle. Given the timing of their decision the County was left with limited options, however was able to be included in an application with Ingham, Clinton and Livingston Counties for funding related primarily to public safety communication infrastructure improvements. Funding announcements are expected in the third quarter of 2010.

Dr. Sobie reported that his department is in the process of completing the system conversion, with expected completion in July 2010.

It was reported that as of today there were only three individuals enrolled for the upcoming Citizen University program. Based on this information, if there are not additional enrollees by

the registration deadline, April 16, 2010, Mr. Fuentes and Dr. Sobie recommended the program be canceled. Discussion held. The consensus of the Committee was to cancel the 2010 Citizen University program if additional registrations were not received by the April 16th deadline.

Dr. Sobie demonstrated an electronic version for a 2010 County Plat Book. Given the cost of production for printed versions, his recommendation is to only make available an electronic version, available on CD-ROM. Discussion held.

Commissioner Harris moved to only produce the 2010 Plat Book electronically for sale at \$15 per copy. Commissioner Hosey seconded. Motion carried.

It was reported that the 2010 Digital Orthophotography flight will be underway, which will provide for updated aerial photos. As part of the project the County has included \$37,000 in the Regional Homeland Security grant request for the acquisition and conversion of the LiDAR data, to provide increased functionality in the County's GIS and mapping applications.

There was discussion over possible subjects to be submitted for submission as guest news columns in the local newspapers.

Commissioner Hosey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Harris seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 101 of the Courthouse.


Theresa Abed, Chairperson