

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

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; Eric Daley, Nathan Nighbert, Claudine Williams and John Fuentes

The April 6, 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 Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was provided on behalf of the Community Broadband Action Team. The team met with Dan Manning, Connected Michigan, on April 4, 2022 to develop plans to address the recommendations contained in the January 2022 Community Broadband Assessment Report. Planned activities include; continued engagement with additional stakeholders, including the Farm Bureau; individual discussions with providers that have participated in the assessment process to date to determine current expansion initiatives within the County and possible additional opportunities to expand access. The team also will be reaching out to the townships to determine their individual interest in financially supporting identified projects with local American Rescue Plan Act allocations. Discussion held.

The Technology Services Director reviewed the compiled list of requests submitted for consideration of funding in the FY22/23 appropriation, an estimated total General Fund appropriation of approximately \$1.275 million. It was noted that the initial estimate decreased approximately 30% from the prior year's initial estimate. Discussion held. The Technology Services Department and Controller/Administrator will review the requests to develop a recommendation for the Committee's consideration. Further discussion held.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser discussed increased cost related to cybersecurity insurance coverage. It was reported that the County's risk management program through Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority includes cybersecurity coverage. Discussion held.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

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



Wayne Ridge, Chairperson