

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

**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; Jeff Parshall, John Fuentes, Dan Manning (Connected Nation Michigan); Chris O'Neill, Patrick Simmer, Tom Manting (Homeworks Tri-County Electric Cooperative); Tim Wilson (ACD.net); Isiah Bzoskie, Yvette Collins, Christopher Dierkes (AT&T); Benjamin Miller (Comcast)

The July 7, 2021 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 Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no limited public comment.

Technology Services Director, Jeff Parshall, reviewed the cost of the five-year update to acquire the six-inch resolution digital aerial photography of the County for GIS. An updated cost-sharing calculation for local units that choose to acquire the digital images for their use based on the previously approved 50% cost-sharing methodology was presented and reviewed. Discussion held. It was recommended to continue utilizing the 50% cost-sharing schedule for the 2020 digital aerial images. The consensus of the Committee was to maintain the 50% cost-sharing as recommended. No further action required.

Dan Manning, Connected Nation Michigan, was present to provide an overview of availability and access to broadband services within the County. The various methods of delivery generally available were discussed. The FCC data sources for available mapping and the data limitations were also discussed.

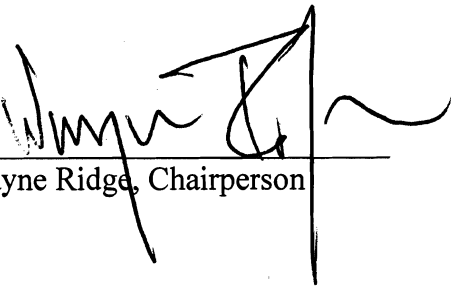
Mr. Manning also provided an overview of the proposal discussed at the June 2, 2021 regular meeting to conduct Community Broadband Assessment and Planning services. Discussion held.

Representatives from Tri-County Electric, ACD.net, AT&T and Comcast were each provided an opportunity to discuss their available services, expansion barriers, limitations and opportunities. Discussion held.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend to the Ways & Means Committee the approval of a budget amendment from the County's American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding to initiate the Community Broadband Assessment and Planning proposal submitted by Connected Nation Michigan. Commissioned Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Ridge adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 4, 2021 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.



Wayne Ridge, Chairperson