

Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

Members Present: David Welter, Millie Dyer, John Almer, Mike Throneburg, Ken Iverson

Members Absent: Jeremy Ly, Chris Balkema

Also Present: Ron Severson, Shawn Hamilton, Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, Marcy Miller, John Watters, Lana Phillips, Terry Christensen

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2012 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Dyer. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: None given.

Treasurer's Report: Marcy Miller stated that her office is working on mobile home tax bills which are due on June 1, 2012. Watters updated the committee on the open task items including the assessment name changes and credit card processing.

Clerk Report: Lana Phillips stated that her office is working on taxes and finishing up the elections. She also told the committee that the elections went well with a 23.5% voter turnout.

Court House Grounding: Watters told the committee that Ayers Electric had completed the project that will minimize the courthouse's exposure to lightning damage.

Claims: None were presented.

Grant Application: Watters stated that along with the Morris Hospital and Health Care Centers, the Grundy/Kendall Regional Superintendent of Schools, he would like to submit an application for a grant of up to \$4 million dollars as part of the Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge to be awarded by the Illinois Department of Commerce. The project, with the installation of over 90 miles of fiber optic cabling, is anticipated to bring high speed networks for improved access to technology to Educational Institutions, Health Care Facilities, Government and Municipal Buildings, Libraries, and Fire Departments throughout Grundy County. The high speed networks should reduce the current recurring costs for access to telephone voice and data networks. The grant is to be awarded on June 1, 2012. Welter, along with Iverson expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for Watters efforts. A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Throneburg to authorize Watters to proceed with the grant application. Motion carried.

Administration Copiers: Watters provided a quote from McGrath Office Equipment for the mailroom and reception area copiers. The proposal was to renew the lease on the Savin copier in the mailroom at a reduced rate and lease a new, smaller copier for the reception area for a cost of \$295.00 per month based on a 60 month lease term (currently \$360.00). A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Dyer to recommend the lease agreement as proposed to the County Board. Motion carried.

Iverson and Dyer left at 9:00 AM. Severson joined the committee.

Web Content Project: Watters updated the committee on the progress of the web site and hopes to have it completed by May.

Pictometry Aerial Photography: Watters presented an addendum to the license agreement between Pictometry International Corp and the County that would reschedule the third and final flight to Spring of 2015 due to lack of development. A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Throneburg to recommend the addendum to the County Board. Motion carried.

Coroner's Cooler: The Facilities Committee recommended that the matter of the alarm system not being hooked up to the cooler be addressed at the Technology meeting. Watters is aware of the task and plans to do it next week.

The task report was provided for the committee's review.

Under New Business, Almer discussed the budget and asked that it be added to the agenda for monthly review to better manage any potential over expended line items. Hamilton stated that he had grouped several line items to one called "other". Susan Bates advised Hamilton to detail the line items. Hamilton also discussed the Contingencies Fund.

A motion to adjourn was made by Almer, seconded by Throneburg. Motion carried.