

Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

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

Members Absent: Chris Balkema, Jeremy Ly

Also Present: Ron Severson, Shawn Hamilton, Sandy Pommier, John Watters, Lana Phillips, Susan Bates, Dave Henderson

Media: Terry Christensen

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Throneburg. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Assessor and Treasurer Reports:

IT Director John Watters told the committee that the tax bills were printed and mailed last week baring a few small problems that will be addressed before the next cycle. Watters stated that the credit card tax payment processing is with a new bank.

Clerk Report:

County Clerk Lana Phillips told the committee that the calendar for the November 6, 2012 election has been sent to IT for review; IT's involvement will begin in August.

A motion to approve the claims as submitted was made by Almer, seconded by Dyer. Motion carried.

Intern Position:

Watters stated that his department typically employed three interns, one all year and two for the summer months. He was requesting authorization to hire one summer intern. A motion to authorize Watters to hire a summer intern was made by Iverson, seconded by Almer. Motion carried. Almer asked about the hourly pay rate. Watters replied that it was minimum wage.

Web Content Project:

Watters presented the timeline for the new county website with the projected "rollout" date being June 12, 2012. A workshop has been scheduled for 5:00PM in the board room; prior to the County Board meeting to view the website. Watters demonstrated a new feature of the county website that provides a data link to interactive GIS maps. The committee briefly discussed the relationship with Klovera, the vendor creating the new website.

Committee Chairman Welter provided a document from the Illinois Policy Institute in regards to a Ten-Point Transparency Checklist. Welter urged the committee to review the document and to view the municipalities' websites that have been scored highly in completing the checklist.

Welter stated that he enjoyed working on the website project, feels that they have come a long way and thanked the committee for their input.

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

Budget Review:

Watters provided the Treasurers' Fund Balance report as of April 30, 2012 for the Technology and GIS budgets.

County Administrator Hamilton told the committee that any changes to the current budgets will be done all at once.

No New Business.

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