Technology Committee Meeting Minutes August 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: David Welter, John Almer, Mike Throneburg, Millie Dyer, Ken Iverson, Chris Balkema, Jeremy Ly

Also Present: Ron Severson, Sandy Pommier, Dave Henderson, John Watters, Susan Bates Media: Terry Christensen

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

No Public Comment.

Assessor Report: Henderson stated that the tax notices are on target to get sent out on September 5, 2012.

Treasurer Report: Watters stated that they are working with the banks to fix problems with the credit card processing of tax payments; also preparing for the next tax sale.

Clerk Report: Watters told the committee that they are preparing for the upcoming election.

A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Almer, seconded by Balkema. Motion carried. Welter added that copies of the claims that had been processed through the Finance Committee were provided for review.

Severson readdressed the subject of the tax sales and the need for better public awareness and education of the bidding process. Balkema suggested adding the process to the county website. Watters offered to check with the Treasurer to see what her advertising process for the sales is.

Web Content Projects:

Watters updated the committee on the county website progress and stated that the committee meeting minutes have been added and the agendas are being worked on.

Election Support:

Watters stated that preparation for the election has begun; working with the software vendor with a pre release deadline of September 1, 2012.

Task Report:

Provided for the committee's review.

Telephone Service Renewal Changes:

Watters told the committee that the current contract with AT&T will expire on September 22, 2012 and that he had researched and suggested utilizing two companies for the services. He presented pricing from Call One and First Communication and outlined the monthly cost savings to the county. The committee discussed the proposal and requested clarification on the actual savings and the two contracts. A motion was made by Balkema, seconded by Iverson to recommend to the County Board the contractual changes to the telephone bill pending review of the contracts by the States Attorney's office. Motion carried. The committee thanked Watters for his efforts.

Budget Review:

The committee reviewed the current status of the Technology budget.

No New/Old Business.

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