

Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 AM

Members Present: Welter, Dyer, Balkema, Iverson

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, John Watters, Dave Henderson, Marcy Miller, Lana Phillips, Julie Thornton

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting was made by Dyer, seconded by Balkema. Motion carried.

The claims were reviewed and signed by the committee. Balkema questioned a claim for an outside vendor to manage the county's website and asked about the requirements for such services. Susan Bates told the committee that it is a policy decision made by the County Board. The Chairman stated that the matter would be further discussed as an agenda item. A motion was made by Balkema, seconded by Dyer to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

The committee discussed web delivery of county agendas, minutes and resolutions. Chairman Welter stated that this service would enable the public to have access to this information via their computers and would assist in the transparency in government that is being strived for. John Watters added that he has been working to come up with options to be considered to meet the request without creating additional workload and cost to the county. The committee decided in order to organize the plan to proceed with the project there would need to be discussions with the holders of the information and information obtained from surrounding counties as to their policies.

Welter told the committee that he would like to see live streaming of the County Board meetings. Watters added that the cost and budgeting of the project would have to be considered. Severson agreed and stated that the Cost benefit Analysis Committee could review the idea.

Watters updated the committee on the ongoing projects including tax processing, mass appraisal processing and GIS tax integration. Watters' goal is to migrate to an open data base. Watters stated that preparation for the next election is underway and early voting begins on January 31, 2011. He also briefly updated the committee on the new Animal Control facility and reported that the installation of the phone and computer lines will be done internally.

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

There was no need for Executive Session or Unfinished/New Business to discuss.

The committee agreed to keep the meeting time and date the same. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 8:30 AM.

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