Technology Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: David Welter, John Almer, Ken Iverson, Millie Dyer, Mike Throneburg, Jeremy Ly, Chris Balkema (8:35)
Also Present: Ron Severson, Sandy Pommier, Dave Henderson, Lana Phillips, Kristen Torkelson
Dan Duffy, Susan Bates and John Watters arrived late.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2011 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

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

Assessor Dave Henderson told the committee that the implementation of the new software is going well, however is not working with it yet.

County Clerk Lana Phillips told the committee that she enjoys working with the new software vendor, Fike and Fike and she will be rolling her data to the Treasurer on May 20, 2011. Phillips added that there was a problem with the prior vendor involving the delinquent taxes.

Welter began the discussion in regards to the county's web content project. John Watters displayed on screen the website for the committee's review. Welter stated that by having the meeting minutes, agendas and budget on line will create better transparency in government as well as easier access for current Groove users by being able to use any computer to access the documents. The meeting agendas will be posted on line and responsible parties will be making sure that the posting requirements are met.
The tax processing information is also currently on line that enables the printing of tax bills and parcel inquiries. The access to this information was previously only offered by phone or by use of computers in the Treasurers office.
A project proposal from Klovera, Inc., a company from Wisconsin was presented for the redevelopment of the county's website in the amount of $13,570.00. Welter stated that he had researched other county websites and liked Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties which were designed by Klovera, Inc. The company was contacted by phone and a proposal was sent. A lengthy discussion was held in regards to the need and costs of the redevelopment and the amount of time spent by the county altering content. Also discussed was the involvement of department heads with the redevelopment of the website in attempt to provide some services on line vs time spent by employee. With input from the committee, Welter suggested for the next meeting that other counties using

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Klovera Inc. be contacted for references, research other vendors and further discuss the proposal from Klovera, Inc. The committee also discussed the need for written RFP's for the project and if the project will need to be recommended to the CBA/Elections Committee.

Watters presented a video done recently by D Link, a designer and manufacturer of networking connectivity, digital and voice data communications solutions. The county uses D Link and the video will be used in marketing their company. The video included a virtual tour of Morris, interviews and many pictures of county facilities. Watters stated that he brought the video to the committee in order to offer the use of some materials to the Media Relations Committee for the county video that they are currently working on.

Watters provided the task report for review.

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

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