

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Information & Communications Technology Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Lynn Sisler, Chairperson
DATE/TIME: February 25, 2003 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: ___ Alexander ___ Hasken x Schultz
 ___ Berlage ___ Jackson x Sisler
 ___ Bielenda ___ Lyons x Stoffregen
 ___ Carroll x Montelius ___ Toepfer
 x Cooper ___ Potter x Zillig
 ___ Creighton ___ Schubert

Others: Joe Kratcha, GIS Coordinator
 Bret Gempler, GIS Technician

- 1. Review of Committee Report for the meeting of January 28, 2003.** After a brief discussion about the Committee report for the meeting of January 28, 2003, Bill Cooper moved approval of the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with Lynn Sisler being the only Committee member absent.

Lynn Sisler arrived at this time.

- 2. Consideration for purchase of a data storage device for the Courthouse network (attachment).** The Committee read a memo from Duane Olivier identifying the need for additional storage on the Courthouse network. The purchase of a "storage" server (a device acting as a huge hard drive) was proposed to the Committee. Funding for the device would be paid for from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) GIS funding grant. Total cost for the hardware and installation is estimated between \$4,000 and \$4,500. After some discussion and questions, Jack Zillig made a motion to approve purchasing a new high capacity "storage" server with 480 GB or more of storage in an amount not to exceed \$4,500, including installation costs to be paid for from IDOT grant funds. Bill Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. County Website Update (charts for website home page statistics are attached).** Joe reviewed updates to the County website with the Committee. He showed the new links to the Regional Office of Education #8 website and some additional links in the "Helpful Links" section of the web page. Raffle applications and ordinance information are available for viewing and printing in the "Applications and Forms" section. Joe also showed charts displaying statistics about the number of visitors to the site. He noted that Diane Williams is doing an excellent job of maintaining up-to-date information on the site.

4. **GIS Update (attachments).** Joe presented the monthly GIS update. One item to note was the request of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) to have the County GIS assist with mapping Tier2 locations. Jack Zillig is a member of this Committee and he explained how the maps would be used to help law officials and emergency responders evacuate citizens in the event of an emergency, such as a chemical spill. After some discussion, Jack Zillig made a motion to approve the use of the County GIS to map one original copy of tier2 locations for the LEPC at no cost. Margie Montelius seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **RC&D Blackhawk Hills GIS Meeting Update.** Bret and Bill Cooper attended the recent Blackhawk Hills GIS meeting held in Mt. Carroll. They both commented on the meeting and stated that Jo Daviess County is the GIS leader of the six-county organization. The next meeting will be held at Freeport in August.

6. **Other Matters.** Marvin Schultz shared his thoughts on the GIS digital data volume discount pricing. Some discussion took place, and Joe indicated that he will present some new ideas to the Committee at the March meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room.