

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Information & Communications Technology
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Cooper
DATE/TIME: September 30, 2009, 5:45 pm.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gavin Doyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen

Others: Joe Kratcha, GIS/IT Coordinator
Jean Dimke, Clerk/Recorder
Sgt. Mike Moser, Sheriff's Office

MINUTES

Chairperson Bill Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. A quorum was established with all Committee members present.

- 1. Citizens Comments.** None
- 2. Review of Committee Report for the Joint Committee Meeting with Finance of August 27, 2009 (attachment).** Gerald Bennett made a motion to approve the Joint Committee Report for the meeting of August 27, 2009. Margie Montelius seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. Review and Discussion of Remote Access to County Land Records (attachments).** Jean Dimke discussed the remote access software that is available allowing subscribers to access the land records in the County Recorder's Office. Two software programs are available: Laredo and Tapestry. The Laredo software would be available for frequent users whereas the Tapestry software would be used by those looking for information on a "one-time shot." A third program called Property Fraud Alert would be provided at no charge and would be used to alert constituents via email or phone each time there is a recording activity against a property owned by them. Jean noted that the revenue generated from the remote access subscriptions would be split between Jo Daviess County and the software vendor, Fidlar Technologies. Fidlar estimates the revenue generated for the County could be up to \$5,419. Jean proposed returning the generated monies back to the Recorder's Automation Fund since that is where the present lease for the Recorder's Office Indexing and Imaging system is paid from. After some discussion, Gavin Doyle made a motion to recommend to the County Board an addendum to the current Fidlar contract to include the Laredo and Tapestry software programs for allowing remote access to the County's Land Records with the Property Fraud Alert software being provided at no charge and all monies generated from the remote user subscriptions would be deposited in the Recorder's Automation Fund. Terry Stoffregen seconded the motion. The motion was approved
- 4. Website Update (attachments).** Joe Kratcha presented the monthly website update. Monthly statistics were available.

5. **Information Technology Update (attachment).** Joe Kratcha reviewed the monthly IT Update with the Committee.
6. **GIS Update (attachments).** Joe Kratcha reviewed the monthly GIS Update with the Committee including an update on revenues.
7. **Discussion & Possible Action on County Cell Phone Plan (attachment).** Joe Kratcha reviewed the existing cell phone plan used by County employees and a new proposed plan from Verizon Wireless that would potentially save the County about \$700 annually. Joe credited Melissa Kindred in the Administrator's Office for completing much of the leg work on this project. The current plan has 8,350 shared minutes and allows up to 18 cell phone lines. The proposed plan has 10,000 shared minutes and allows up to 20 cell phone lines. Plans from US Cellular were also reviewed but not cost effective. After a lengthy discussion and review of existing services used by each Office/Department, Bill Cooper made a motion to recommend to the County Board approval of the new proposed cell phone plan offered by Verizon Wireless with the stipulation that the contract be reviewed by the State's Attorney and staff for approval prior to the County Board meeting. Terry Stoffregen seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-1 with Margie Montelius voting no.
8. **Review of Goals Completed in FY2009 and Possible Goals for FY2010.** Joe Kratcha reviewed goals achieved in FY2009 and some possible goals for FY2010. At the October Committee meeting, goals will be considered for approval to be forwarded to the Executive Committee.
9. **Other Matters.** None
10. **Citizen's Comments.** None

A motion was made by Gavin Doyle to adjourn. Margie Montelius seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 5:45 pm in the County Board Room.