

“Unapproved”
Technology Committee Minutes
September 28, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Raymond, Daly, Southworth, Kinowski and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Jason Kemper, Planning; Bob Kingsbury, Data Processing; Sam Pitcherale, George Martin, Treasurer; Jack Kalinkewicz, Personnel; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Press.

Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hellwig the minutes of the August 17, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kingsbury reported that Data Processing is done counting all the computers in the county, but they are not done uploading all of the data. An inventory list was distributed to all committee members for their review as follows: 39 servers; 529 PC’s; 208 laptops; 551 monitors; 4 plotters; 27 scanners; and 277 printers. Mr. Veitch requested that Mr. Kingsbury submit the inventory list to the Treasurer and Auditor for their records. Mr. Veitch said he would like to look into a computer replacement plan and how that would be done.

Mr. Veitch said the Technology subcommittee met three times with regard to a Time and Attendance System, which was on the Capital Committee agenda. Unfortunately, they were not able to meet the committees threshold for a resolution and; therefore, did not receive any funding through the Capital Committee. There are options to move forward with to try and obtain funding, and Mr. Veitch said as Chairman of the Technology Committee he is committed to getting this funded.

Mr. Hellwig said there is one thing that everyone recognizes and, that is, this has to absolutely happen, but it is a matter of working out some of the details. It is clear, based on the discussions with the subcommittee and to some extent the discussions made at the Capital Planning meeting, that there is a better way to do this. Over time there will be tremendous opportunity to do it at a much lower cost.

Mr. Moore said since the last email update there have been 40 more business class, with approximately 370 in total. There are 42 still in the exchange and 17 blackberries synced up. He said they are currently under budget for 2011.

Mr. Veitch stated that the CIO from Schenectady County had been to a past committee meeting and gave a presentation on what they do. He asked what the thought process was of the committee with regard to hiring a CIO in 2012. He said he would be making a request to have the Technology Committee become a standing committee

Ms. Raymond said there should be a plan describing where we are going and then see what is needed in terms of staffing within that plan. At some point as we move more and more into technology and globally within the county, we need to have the proper department to serve the needs of the people, i.e. training and hands on assistance. We need to look more at where we are headed before we can make a final decision.

Ms. Daly said we should envision what technology should look like in Saratoga County government now and in five years from now.

Mr. Kemper said that across the board we should try to get everyone on the same software.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom