Technology Committee Minutes

December 21, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisor Raymond; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Jason Kemper, Planning; Robert Kingsbury, Data Processing; Brian O'Conor, Auditor.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kemper the minutes of the November 19, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch said he met with Rockit Science Solutions last week, and Mr. Kingsbury has provided them with additional information including a breakdown of all the connections by department.

Mr. Hellwig said the network itself is being run on an assortment of connections and CAT 5 is the minimum, which we don't' have. Before some of the bigger issues can be resolved, they will have to begin with the cabling.

Mr. Veitch said the subject of dead cable at the county should be brought up at the Buildings and Grounds committee meeting. There is a lot of wiring in all of the buildings that could be removed, he said.

Ms. Raymond suggested that a policy should be in place that as you move forward that you take out not just the hardware, but everything else that goes along with it.

Mr. Veitch suggested the possibility of having the Department of Public Works take care of removing the old wires and cables that are no longer used.

Mr. Veitch sited the following committee accomplishments for the year:

- Updated the county email system
- Inventory of all PC's, printers and servers
- Tried a web filtering application
- Established a IT and computer use Policy
- Looked at the time card system to see if it could be automated
- Software upgrades for Public and Mental Health
- Rick Cobello from Schenectady County talked about having a CIO in the county
- Looked at possibly doing an online agenda system for the Board of Supervisors
- Looked at possible partnerships with school districts
- Looked at the HP Touchpad
- PT replacement project
- Rocket Consulting Service came to talk about what the county could do as far as the counties technology needs

Mr. Veitch said he has spoken with the Chairman about the possibility of having the Technology Committee become a standing committee instead of an adhoc committee.

Ms. Raymond thanked Mr. Veitch for his commitment to the committee as committee chairman.

Mr. Veitch announced that as of today the county has a group email in place. There are approximately 500 people in the county with email capabilities, up from 300 when the email was first put in place.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kingsbury the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom