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TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 27, 2021
9:30 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room and via Zoom

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Technology related grant ideas (APPENDIX A)
- 4) Discussion RE: IT projects for 2021-22
- 5) Other Items from Committee Members
- 6) Adjournment

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APPENDIX A

ARPA Grant Ideas

Small stuff:

1. Fiber optic between 415 3rd and 395 3rd – good investment if we plan to continue working from that building, estimate \$30k
2. Fiber optic and electric between Courthouse and “garbage shed”, so we can install cameras on the shed providing better parking lot security, estimate \$20k
3. Replace fiber optic in Courthouse – existing fiber is 20+ years old and cannot be upgraded, estimate \$60k
4. Additional security cameras for Courthouse building, more coverage for parking lot, alleyway, west and north sides of building, estimate \$50k
5. Fiber between Sheriff and County Medical Care building, allowing them access to fiber optic Internet, estimate \$20k
6. Next generation server and storage infrastructure for Courthouse and Sheriff, estimate \$300k
7. Fiber between Courthouse and Sheriff, improving access for Courts as well as more reliable backups for all departments, reducing annual expense versus leasing connectivity, estimate \$300-500k

Big project:

1. Fiber between Courthouse and Township and Village government buildings.
 - a. Creates a framework for private investment to provide wireless broadband access to underserved areas of the County. Leasing capacity on our network to Internet providers would be a revenue stream for the County.
 - b. Increase election efficiency and security, allowing secure high-speed connection directly to Clerk’s office to deliver voting data.
 - c. County could provide “free wifi” around these buildings for students doing home learning and taking online college classes.
 - d. County library could build their own fiber to these government centers and connect back to the main branch.
 - e. Central Dispatch 911 could use a portion of the fiber to connect to their radio towers, eliminating the significant reoccurring costs associated with buying connectivity from Verizon and AT&T.
 - f. Cost estimate is in the millions, probably more than the single grant but there are other grants available for this kind of project. A portion of the initial grant could cover consulting and engineering on the project, giving us the information needed to pursue additional grant opportunities for broadband development.

Thanks,
Gordon