

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND INTERNET

Minutes

March 28, 2019

The Resource Conservation and Internet Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Wednesday, March 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Shannon Carroll. Attending were: Carroll, Randy Shumard, Robert Murrell, Ray Spencer and Keri Nusbaum. Also attending were: Scott Davis, Jennifer Harper, Debbie Marshall, Darlene Baker, Tony Kirkman, Eric Seibring, Seth Floyd, Linda Leach, Mike Holmes, Jami Trybom, Scott Porter, Kara Olsen, Jordan Barker and Steve Hoffman.

Motion: Murrell made motion, seconded by Shumard to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting as written. All in favor, and the motion carried.

Carroll asked Scott Davis to explain the Office 365 which was purchased for the County Board tablets. The version recommended and purchased was the Enterprise version. This is an expanded version which includes email retention. He should have all of the tablets updated by next week.

Carroll asked Davis about the email system. Davis said that currently the email is a hosted system, not an exchange. Updating to Office 365 would address some of the current problems, but everyone would need to have an updated subscription each year. Carroll asked if the hosted system has its own server. Davis said the system has a limited amount of space. A cloud based exchange would have more space and longer retention times. The current system is an older way of doing it, but is very cost effective. Jay Mueller said the system is an older system and is free. He agrees there are some issues. When he set it up, there were 10 emails, now there are 150 plus. He said the county should look at something more advanced. The nursing home and mental health are on separate systems.

Seibring asked if there were levels of email costs. Could some emails with less activity have a less expensive version? Davis said anyone who will need to upgrade their Office suite, should go to Office 365. Other versions will not be supported.

Carroll asked Mueller if there were any problems with the current websites and Mueller responded they are running fine.

Public Comments: Spencer asked Davis to provide a big picture of what he currently does for the county. He does support for Sheriff's office, monitors the fiber system and phone system. Carroll asked about the two server pricing previously submitted. Davis said he has re-worked to use one server with a backup, and that server would be about \$35,000. A virtual server is more cost effective from a maintenance standpoint, and initial cost. Mueller said the shared servers would be a cost savings, and it would cost more down the road. Trybom questioned if the County had one combined server, then one person would maintain it? The answer was yes, and she said she would prefer if the departments had control over who handled their IT contracts. Murrell said at last count there were 15-17 servers and last year the Office 365 was \$210. He suggested the total costs that all departments were spending together could cover the costs.

Kirkman asked if someone could infiltrate the single server, would they gain access to everything. Davis said each would be separated. Piattran has budgeted for a server in this year's budget, so needs to take care of it before June 30. Seibring suggested coming up with a 'buy in' option for departments to replace and contribute to the cost. Trybom commented that would mean the departments would resign to the fact that there is one person supporting the server, and take away the choice from the department heads. Carroll suggested adding the server needs and budgets to each committee's agenda so they can get a grasp of the needs and the funds available. Porter stated the new records system at the nursing home will require a new server, and he will likely approach the foundation about funding that server. Shumard pointed out that there are rules for grants, and rules for departments that can't be changed.

Spencer asked Davis when the last update to the phone system was done. It was around '04 at the Sheriff and 2015 at the courthouse.

Motion: Shumard made motion, seconded by Murrell to adjourn. All in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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