

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2021

Committee Chair Marty Fannin called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm, in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse located at 112 W. Madison St. in Pontiac, Illinois.

Present: Fannin, Mays, Barickman, Manker, Slagel

Absent: Blackard, Steichen

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Mark Runyon and Linda Ambrose, Alina Hartley (Executive Director), Jon Sear (Network & Computer Systems Administrator), Ginger Harris (Human Resources Director), and Diane Schwahn (Finance Director)

Fannin called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. *Motion by Manker, second by Mays to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting. *Motion by Manker, second by Mays to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

**CrowdStrike vs. Symantec** – Sear stated that he had the opportunity to review the different levels of software offered by CrowdStrike. Sear stated that the Pro version is similar to Symantec and costs approximately \$5,700. Sear stated that the next level offered includes the Overwatch program estimated at \$13,000. Sear stated that the advantage of the Overwatch program is that if a computer gets a virus, CrowdStrike can remove the computer from the network, blocking the virus from spreading in the network. Sear stated that with other programs this would need to be done manually. Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of the two programs with Symantec being most cost effective, but not having the Overwatch capability and lacking in technical support. *Motion by Manker, second by Mays to recommend going with CrowdStrike with Overwatch, adding the additional cost to the budget.* Discussion took place and the motion was amended as follows: *motion by Manker, second by Mays to go with the CrowdStrike basic package, while continuing to look into upgrading to Overwatch at a later time.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Discussion took place regarding possible adding the Overwatch program to just the critical servers.

**Monthly Department Report** – Jon Sear was present to review his monthly department report with the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the bills presented. *Motion by Mays, second by Manker to approve the bills as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The floor was open for public comment.

*Motion by Mays, second by Barickman to adjourn.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m..

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Alina M. Hartley  
Executive Director