

Minutes of the November 15, 2010 Iowa County Long Range Planning Committee

Committee Members present were Carol Anderson, Dan Curran, James Griffiths, and Dan Oleson, Excused Jeremy Meek, Dave Bauer and Greg Parman.

Also present Supervisor Ed Weaver, Curt Kephart Administrator, Amy Kaup Information Technology and Paul Ohlrogge UW-EX

3. Administrator Kephart read the certification of the meeting.
4. Motion to approve agenda by Oleson, second Griffiths, approved.
5. Motion to approve the 10/18/2010 minutes by Griffiths, second Oleson, approved.
6. Comments from the audience and committee members: Ed Weaver indicated his appreciation that the committee was including a discussion item on Budget, Property Tax Levels, Revenue Sources, etc. .
7. Amy Kaup provided the committee with a brief history of the county's Information Technology path, current status and five year plan. (This included a discussion of the upgrade to the current version of Excel and Word.) All software choices are evaluated by Information Technology to assure they are technically compatible, are cost effective, do not increase the cost of operation, have long term viability and fit into the strategic direction (which includes the need for possible future integration with neighboring counties and others).

The committee discussed the present county internet website and its future role. . Amy Kaup indicated internally a website must work seamlessly with the county software not as a "standalone". That way data maintained in other county software will update automatically to the website (no duplication or reentry cost).

Dan Curran indicated someone he knows that lives in Iowa County evaluates government websites. He will make contact and ask them for input and ideas for a new Iowa County Website.

The committee discussed the need for a process to identify the choices that will need to be vetted to create the unique “public face” the Iowa County Website will need. .

8. Budget, Property Tax Levels and Revenue. The committee discussed the need for a repository and evaluation process that will include County Board Supervisors, County Departments and the public. As a first step Paul Ohlrogge was asked to draft a “survey” to be used to gather input from county board supervisors and others. UWEX would tabulate and summarize the results and provide this information at a Long Range Planning meeting and which could be shared at other meetings and venues.

Other ---

The committee asked Curt Kephart to develop a point sheet documenting some of the major items in 2010 budget that were removed/reduced in the 2011 budget. Example: specifically identify the five FTE reductions in the 2010 budget.

Dan Curran indicated he was still gathering information on community “GPS”.

Motion by Dan Oleson to sett next meeting date for December 13 and adjourn this meeting, second Dan Curran, approved.