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# JO DAVIESS COUNTY

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**JUNE 24, 2026**

## I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Holt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

## II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – Peggy Bastian, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt. Present: 4. Present electronically – Jacob Ambrosia (arrived at 5:31 PM), Daisha Boehm (arrived at 5:37 PM). Present electronically: 2. Absent – LaDon Trost. Absent: 1.

## III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, Information & Communications Technology Committee meeting was made by Steve Endress and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.

## IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

## V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed. Item #2: "Replace 6 physical servers used in the County's SAN (Storage Area Network)/virtual server environment" was revised from "Reviewing" to "Active".

## VI. New Business

Joe Kratcha, IT/GIS Director presented the annual GIS software maintenance renewal for 2026–2027. The renewal cost is $13,547.40, below the budgeted amount, and requires only parent committee approval. **A motion to approve renewing the GIS software annual maintenance with the Intergraph Corporation in the amount of $13,547.40 as shown on Quote #2026-20868 to be paid from the GIS Automation Fund 058-47189-702 (Professional Services) was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Kratcha presented a detailed report on the need to replace six physical host servers supporting the County's SAN and virtual infrastructure. He explained that hardware prices had risen 80% since the project was quoted last fall, due to AI-driven supply chain pressures, which has exceeded his FY26 budgeted expense of $70,000. He has reviewed multiple vendor quotes and was able to find better pricing, but are still more than anticipated. He provided multiple options for purchasing now or gradually, but anticipates the pricing only getting higher. Members discussed where the additional funding should come from, with the County Administrator recommending the request for funding from the Contingency Fund (016). After further discussion, the committee believes purchasing now makes the most sense. **A motion to recommend purchasing three replacement production host servers, with 3-years of warranty/support included, from Storage IT Solutions as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of $55,764.96 to be paid from the General Capital Equipment Fund 048-46172-810 (Activity Code 402) was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

**A motion to recommend purchasing three replacement disaster recovery (DR) host servers, with 3-years of warranty/support included, from xByte Technologies as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of $37,500.00 with $4,235.04 to be paid from the General Capital Equipment Fund 048-46172-810 (Activity Code 402), $10,000 to be paid from the ETSB fund (007-041128-810) pending approval at the next ETSB meeting, and up to $23,264.96 to be paid from the Contingency Fund 016-49197-905 was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

The Committee next considered offering municipalities and lake communities the opportunity to cost-share in the 2026 Orthophotography Project. Kratcha reviewed past participation and project costs. After discussion regarding previous cost share percentages and the administrative side of offering the opportunity, the committee believed continuing the program with a revised 55% municipal and 45% county cost split was fair. **A motion to recommend offering municipalities and lake communities the opportunity to cost share on the 2026 Orthophotography Project with a 55% municipal and 45% county cost split was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

The Committee reviewed updates to the County's GIS Cost Recovery Policy, including adding 2026 imagery, updating pricing, and removing outdated CD/DVD language. **A motion to recommend updating the County's GIS Cost Recovery Policy as presented was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## VII. Reports

None.

## VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

## IX. Committee Member Concerns

No committee member concerns were voiced; Member Bastian invited members to Hanover Days on July 3, 2026.

## X. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:26 PM by John Grizzoffi and seconded by Steve Endress. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Next committee meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**