

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Standing Committee on Telecommunications and Energy
Minutes
March 11, 2015

The Standing Committee on Telecommunications and Energy met to review the FY 2016 proposed budgets of the Information Technology on March 11, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Chairman James Killion, Teresa Martin, Deborah McCutcheon, John Ohman, and Patrick Princi.

3:00 PM: Information Technology

Billy Traverse, Chris Burt and Keri Peters from the Information Technology Department met with the committee to review and discuss the proposed FY16 budget. Several handouts were provided to the committee and will be attached to the minutes and available for viewing at the Clerk's Office.

The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for licenses is scheduled for bonding at a cost in FY16 of \$325,000. It will be an ongoing cost for several years.

There are several new positions in the proposed budget. Staff positions are being added to handle the increase in requests for regional services.

The department is also asking for a vehicle to transport staff and equipment versus the use of personal vehicles. Driving will increase as the demand for regional services increase. The department surveyed municipalities and responses indicate there is interest in contracting IT services from the County. The department would like to increase their talent pool and build capacity for the County and regional service requests. The hard costs to deliver additional services are in the budget but service contracts that would generate a revenue stream are not yet signed. Revenue projections are not tied to signed commitments other than in Wellfleet (\$90,000), Truro (\$60,000) and with Cape Light Compact (\$50,000). Deborah McCutcheon asked for a copy of the analysis sheets that have been prepared for municipal pricing of IT services. Billy Traverse will forward these to the Clerk.

If staff positions are not added revenue will decrease and service contracts cannot be added. Committee members expressed interest is waiting until contracts are signed and in place prior to seeking funding. A request for supplemental funding could be made later in the year.

The department has established priorities within its existing staff structure. The department is reacting to the requests for services it has received with the proposed budget for FY16. Decisions need to be made with regards to the direction the County wants to move towards.

John Ohman motioned, and it was seconded, to defer discussions on the proposed FY16 Information Technology budget until March 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates