

Cooperation Between Governments
IT Sub-Committee Notes
Date: April 15, 2008 @ 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Connie Frey, Michael Gradis, Dan Heyns, Ishwar Laxminarayan, and Don Nelson

Old Business:

Ryan Velzy, Jackson County ISD, mentioned that they are running fiber to the Lumen Christi School. It might be possible to run this line to the County Animal Shelter. Fiber is faster than the T1 line that currently connects the Animal Shelter to the rest of the County.

Dan Heyns, Jackson County Sheriff, mentioned that they will have their new windows-based server operational by May 5. It will be used for record, corrections, and dispatch purposes.

Ishwar Laxminarayan, Jackson District Library, is currently building fiber to connect the remaining branches that are not connected. IT plans to have this finished by July 1. As for the library, it currently operates its web portal in web 2.0 format and is able to accept payments online, has librarians post blogs (which then visitors can post responses), reserve books from any branch and over 200 other libraries in the state, download music and other media formats with their library card id, and many other services. www.mjl.com.

Don Nelson, City of Jackson, reported that they are now able to accept online credit card payments (excluding Visa) for water bills, parking tickets, etc. for a convenience fee.

<http://www.cityofjackson.org/departments/epay/epay.asp>

New Business:

Review GovQA and research similar sites before next meeting.

This service allows constituents to ask questions, make complaints, etc. online and have their communications reach the appropriate person/agency. The cost is based on the population size. The group will try to find other services like GovQA in order to see what else it out that and what would be the best provider to meet our needs.

www.GovQA.com.

Pass out example of a Continuation of Business Plan. Working on implementation with Jim Freeman from Human Services (Oakland County Gov't).

Connie Frey, Jackson County IT, has been working with Jim Freeman to create a similar document for Jackson County.

Start Creating an IT Survey. Possibly use surveymonkey.com with phone follow-up.

This item will be pushed to the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m., Room 604, Jackson County Tower Building.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Michael Gradis.