

**DECEMBER 8, 2015 SESSION  
OF THE  
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 1:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present: Richard Brandl, Tim Brellenthin, Kathy Ingersoll, Kenneth H. Monroe, Joe Schaefer, Rick Stacey, Charlene Staples, David A. Weber, Paul Yvarra, and Chair Nancy Russell. Daniel G. Kilkenny was excused. A quorum was established.

**Update Regarding Information Technology Issues**

David Bretl, County Administrator, introduced John Orr, Director of the Information Technology (IT) Department, and stated that he would be giving a presentation on the history of technology, software and possible future purchases from vendors. Bretl also stated that Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel, would be speaking regarding the progress of IT within LURM.

Orr, gave an overview of the progression and changes of IT throughout the County facilities over a time span from 1978 to the present. He stated the IT project being implemented in LURM is due to go live in March of 2016.

Orr stated current information is being stored out on the "Cloud". He also discussed the County's migration that occurred from home grown to enterprise solutions highlighting the advantages, disadvantages and challenges.

Orr reported from January 1st to December 2, 2015 the County received 603,000 good emails, 1.3 million emails were designated as spam, and 12,490 viruses were blocked by SpamSentinel. He said it requires a constant vigilance to maintain network security to ensure the County's data is protected. He gave an overview of future projects and the need for key applications to be available in the event of an emergency.

Cotter gave a brief overview of the technology used by the Committee to make decisions prior to 2007.

Shannon Haydin, Deputy Director of LURM, gave a presentation of technology used by LURM today and as anticipated in the near future. She said the GIS system includes documents and information regarding land parcels. Assessors, appraisers, surveyors, and realtors are now capable of reviewing the property through GIS.

Haydin also demonstrated a new tool that will be implemented in February where zoning staff will have the ability to Skype with other staff members located at the office from the property site with information regarding the property and possible violation compliance issues by using a hotspot and tablet. Haydin gave a brief presentation of the new software Energov, which allows both staff and the public to view details regarding a property including permits taken out for the site.

