

ANOKA COUNTY

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE AGENDA  
and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners\*\***

Commissioners Gamache (Chair), Reinert (Vice Chair), Meisner, Schulte

FOR THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, MEETING

11:00 A.M.

Conference Room #710 - Government Center

1. Public Comment: Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to 2 minutes. Questions directed to the committee will not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- \*2. Consider recommending the County Board approve a purchase from Heartland Business Systems, 101 Broadway Avenue West Suite 106, Osseo, MN 55369, for replacement firewall hardware, professional services and 5-year software subscription in the amount of \$1,035,000.00 with a change order of \$200,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$1,235,000.00 - **see attached Action Item.**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

3. Next scheduled meeting will be February 8 at 2:00 P.M.
4. Adjourn.

*\*\* Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will not vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*

\*Requires board approval



## ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

January 23, 2024

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	The Information Technology Committee recommends the County Board approve a purchase from Heartland Business Systems, 101 Broadway Avenue West Suite 106, Osseo, MN 55369, for replacement firewall hardware, professional services and 5-year software subscription in the amount of \$1,035,000.00 with a change order of \$200,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$1,235,000.00.
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>Network security is of the utmost importance in our environment, especially with an ever-increasing demand for firewall security services. Regulating boards add more stringent security requirements yearly which emphasizes the need to stay current with hardware and software.</p> <p>Firewall vendors recommend lifespan limits on their hardware which helps to reduce warranty coverage costs and unplanned outages.</p>
<b>SOLUTIONS</b>	An up-to-date firewall with improved system resources will allow the Anoka County network and security teams to implement new security initiatives to be able to conform with compliance requirements. This new solution will also allow for growth over the next 5 years as we continue to combat security threats in our environment while still making progress on technology changes and improvements for business units around the County.
<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b> (Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.)	ARPA and CEP Funded
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The recommended firewall replacement hardware and software subscriptions will greatly improve our ability to keep up with ever-changing security threats and maintain compliance with regulating board requirements. New hardware will help to minimize potential downtime to users and maintain a high-speed network experience.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	The Information Technology Committee recommends the County Board approve a purchase from Heartland Business Systems, 101 Broadway Avenue West Suite 106, Osseo, MN 55369, for replacement firewall hardware, professional services and 5-year software subscription in the amount of \$1,035,000.00 with a change order of \$200,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$1,235,000.00.