

ANOKA COUNTY

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

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

FOR THE TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, MEETING

10:30 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.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

2. Consider, for information purposes, an update on the contract with Periscope Holdings, Inc.
3. Consider, for informational purposes, an update on the 2022 IT Restructures / Reclasses recap.
4. Consider, for informational purposes, an update on the 2022 IT Professional Development.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- \*5. Consider recommending that the County Board approve a purchase from Office of MN.IT Services, Centennial Building 2nd Floor, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN, 55155 for CrowdStrike in the amount of \$101,800, with a change order of \$19,000 for a total of \$120,800 for a 2-year agreement.  
**Action Item – from Susan Vreeland.**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

6. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.
7. 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 IT COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

MARCH 21, 2023

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	Susan Vreeland, Chief Information Officer, is requesting that the IT Committee recommend to the County Board approve a purchase from Office of MN.IT Services, Centennial Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN, 55155 for CrowdStrike in the amount of \$101,800 with a change order of \$19,000 for a total of \$120,800 for a 2-year agreement.
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	The County currently uses two traditional anti-malware solutions on workstations. Although the current solutions are fully supported and help protect our environment, the industry is moving to a new generation of anti-malware solutions called Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR).
<b>SOLUTIONS</b>	<p>Modern EDR solutions are considered a new generation of anti-malware and are both a software solution and a service to help protect our environment. In addition to traditional anti-malware functionality, an EDR utilizes cloud-based analytics to help correlate and respond to threats. Near real-time updates are delivered to clients, based on the latest global threat landscape data, to aggressively protect our workstations, servers, and County data.</p> <p>The recommended solution is a market leader and is used by MN.IT (Minnesota IT Services), the MN BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension), and is currently deployed in 49 Minnesota counties.</p>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b> (Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.)	<p>ARPA funding for initial 2-year agreement and additional annual renewals through 2026. At the end of the ARPA eligibility period, funding will need to be added to the IT operating budget to accommodate future renewals.</p> <p>The County will discontinue use of an existing solution, saving approximately \$42,000 on that product over this 2-year agreement period.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	Information Technology is recommending a new 2-year agreement to implement the EDR solution CrowdStrike. The change order amount is sized to accommodate VDI environment growth during the agreement term.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	Susan Vreeland, Chief Information Officer, is requesting that the IT Committee recommend to the County Board approve a purchase from Office of MN.IT Services, Centennial Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN, 55155 for CrowdStrike in the amount of \$101,800 with a change order of \$19,000 for a total of \$120,800 for a 2-year agreement.