

**AMENDED AGENDA—Monday, February 6, 2023**

**SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to amend the order of the agenda with the addition of item 3. 2023 IIJA Cyber Security Grant Application to the regular agenda.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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| 3. 2023 IIJA Cyber Security Grant Application (Henderson) | Information/action |
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MEMO

TO: Cass County Commission  
FROM: Bob Henderson, IT Director  
DATE: 2/2/2023  
SUBJECT: 2023 IJA Cyber Security Grant Application

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Dear Commissioners,

The 2023 Grant Application window for the IJA Cyber Security Grant opened today, with an application deadline of **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Cass County had completed a Notice of Intent to apply back in November of 2022, asking for two projects that are valued at up to **\$170,000**. This application must be completed and submitted by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, and all grant awards are currently slated to be approved by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, with **10 days** for an awardee to accept it. After that point, we have at least 1 calendar year to implement the project.

There is a potential **10% local match (\$17,000)** requirement on this grant. Currently, the ND Department of Emergency Services is in discussion with legislature asking the state to absorb the match for this calendar year, due to the accelerated timelines provided by the Federal government. This has **not** been approved as of this time. However, within the existing IT budget is a line item for **\$20,000** for a pair of firewalls that would no longer be needed with this grant being approved, allowing those funds to be re-allocated to cover the **10% match** with no budgetary impact.

The projects that were submitted on our NOI are:

- An updated pair of highly available main internet connection firewalls for Cass County, replacing the existing state-managed leased hardware. Receiving this grant would also eliminate a **\$36,000/year** expense we currently pay to lease state hardware.
- Licensing, hardware, and support to deploy Multifactor authentication to all users of Cass County in a unified, secure manner.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**Authorize the IT Director to complete the application to the 2023 IJA Cyber Security Grant for a total amount of \$170,000, providing local match funds of up to \$17,000 from line item 101-1801-412.74-14 from existing 2023 budget if required.**

Bob Henderson  
Information Technology Department