Agenda Item Report

Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: October 13, 2022
FROM: Patty Francour, Director of IT
RE: Renaming of the department from Information Systems (IS) to Information Technology (IT)

General Description:

The department known as Information Systems provides support for the infrastructure, hardware, and software used throughout the County. Many entities have this type of department named Information Technology to better represent the function of the department. Prospective applicants better understand what IT does versus IS.

Action Requested:

Asking for this committee to formalize the renaming of Information Systems to Information Technology.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: Information Systems   Meeting date: 10-13-2022
Action taken: _____   Vote: _____

County Board   Meeting date:

Background:

This department has been known as Information Systems for at least twenty-five years. Renaming IS has been discussed at different times; however, there was never a strong enough incentive to make the effort. Today, recruiting and retaining the best fitting skilled employee can come down to "little things". Having applicants understand the department's function by the name is the first step in getting their attention. The name represents their career choice, so having a modern-day term can help in retention.

Policy Discussion:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A