

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

Commissioners Gamache (Chair), Schulte, Meisner

August 17, 2020 - 11:30 A.M.

Bunker Hills Activities Center - Maple Room  
550 Bunker Lake Blvd N.W.  
Andover, MN 55304

**ACTION ITEM:**

- \*1. Consider recommending that the County Board approve a purchase from Insight Public Sector, Inc., 6820 South Harl Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85283, in the amount of \$252,469.96 for the replacement of twelve blade servers and two blade chassis - **see attached Action Item** – from Susan Vreeland.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

2. Public Comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to 2 minutes.
3. Next scheduled meeting Monday, September 21, 2020, at Bunker Hills Activities Center – Maple Room.
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.*

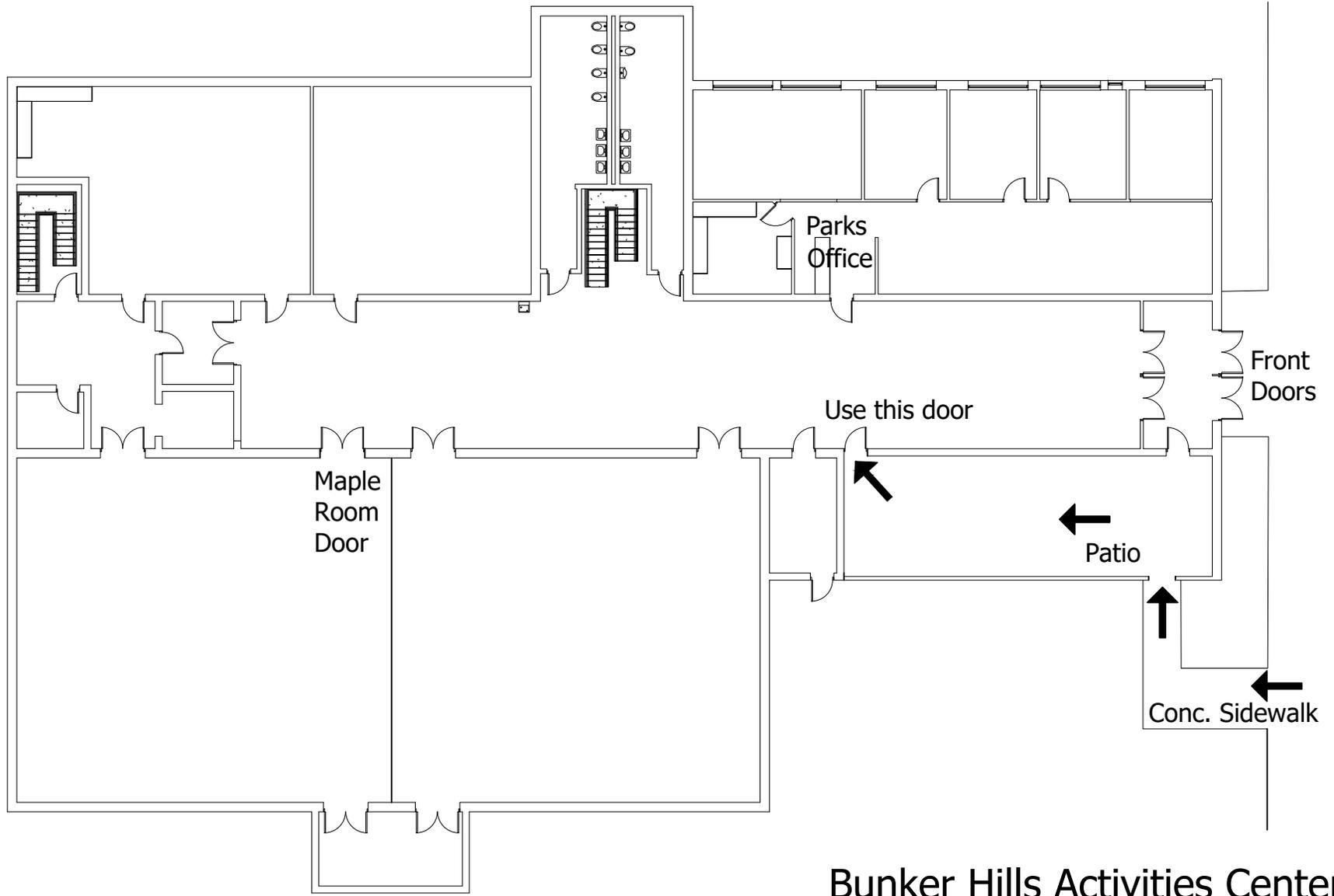


## ANOKA COUNTY IT COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

August 17, 2020

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED	Susan Vreeland, Director of Information Technology, is requesting that the IT Committee consider recommending the County Board approve a purchase from Insight Public Sector, Inc., 6820 South Harl Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85283, in the amount of \$252,469.96 for the replacement of twelve blade servers and two blade chassis.
BACKGROUND	<p>A blade server is a device that provides applications, databases, email, phone services, and many other systems to County users. A blade chassis houses blade servers in an efficient manner with the blades sharing space, cooling, electrical, and networking resources.</p> <p>Blade servers and chassis are in use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Although they have been reliable and lived up to expectations, they have reached the end of their lifecycle. The twelve blade servers and two blade chassis are reaching end-of-support by the manufacturer in October 2020.</p> <p>The existing twelve blades and two chassis were purchased in 2012 and 2013, making them over seven years old at the time of replacement.</p>
SOLUTIONS	New blade servers and blade chassis need to be purchased to replace our outdated, end-of-support devices to ensure continued productivity of County staff in support of County constituents.
CONCLUSION	The recommended blade servers and chassis models will help us to provide reliable and secure application delivery 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our ongoing effort to increase end-user productivity.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>The IT Committee consider recommending that the County Board approve a purchase from Insight Public Sector, Inc., 6820 South Harl Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85283, in the amount of \$252,469.96 for the replacement of twelve blade servers and two blade chassis in adherence with our equipment life-cycle replacement schedule.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Vreeland.</p>



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