



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, 9:30 A.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board approved a request to transfer \$127,000 in unspent funds located in the UPS Cooling Infrastructure Project account to the Technology Infrastructure account. This would cover ongoing enterprise-wide infrastructure replacement and upgrade needs. The Universal Power Supply (UPS) Cooling Infrastructure Project was created two years ago in order to update the cooling system for the County's data center. A specific capital project account was established for this purpose. When the work was done, however, the funding was taken from Technology Infrastructure, which has an on-going annual allocation of \$200,000. Because the UPS Cooling Infrastructure Project was completed using funds from the other technology capital project account, \$127,000 from the UPS Cooling Infrastructure Project was left unspent and it is requested that these funds replenish the Infrastructure account.

Over the last several years, the Technology Department has been working to upgrade major areas of the County's computer network infrastructure, including switches, servers, storage area and wide area networks, firewalls and related hardware. These devices manage the County's most critical data and ensure 24/7 connectivity to citizens, County departments and the municipalities with whom the County partners. Keeping this infrastructure up to date requires adherence to a systematic multi-year replacement schedule. Transfer of the unspent UPS Cooling project funds to the Technology Infrastructure fund will allow the County to remain on that schedule. Without the transfer of funds, the Technology Infrastructure account will not fully support the necessary expenditures currently needed. The Board's Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the transfer of these funds.

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