

RESOLUTION #981-06-30-2023

Disestablish the Practice of Information Technology Being Under the Purview of the County Auditor and to Establish, Under its Sole Power and Control, the Information Technology Department and the Position of Information Technology Director for Jackson County

WHEREAS, information technology continues to be a growing and complex subject requiring additional time, resources and specialization, there is now a need for the function of a dedicated Information Technology Department and an Information Technology Director for Jackson County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities associated with information technology to date have been served by a single employee acting as an Information Technology Director under the power and control of the elected County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.301(1) states that "a county may, except as expressly limited by the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and if not inconsistent with the laws of the general assembly, exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents;" and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.301(2) states "a power of a county is vested in the board, and a duty of a county shall be performed by or under the direction of the board except as otherwise provided by law;" and

WHEREAS, the general powers and limitations under Iowa Code Chapter 331 permits the Jackson County Board of Supervisors the ability to exercise sole power and control over any department of the County not specifically exempted under Iowa law; and

WHEREAS, an Information Technology Department is not an exempt department under Iowa law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes it is appropriate, pursuant to Iowa Code, to establish an Information Technology Department under its sole power and control that will consist of an Information Technology Director hired directly by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Information Technology Department under the Board of Supervisors inherently requires disestablishing the practice of information technology being within the purview of the County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes the establishment of the Information Technology Department, which shall consist of an Information Technology Director selected and employed directly by the Board of Supervisors and who shall serve under the sole power and control of the Board of Supervisors, effective July 1, 2023; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby disestablishes the practice of information technology being served under the purview of the County Auditor, effective July 1, 2023;

Adopted by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors on this 30th day of June, 2023.

AYE: 
Mike Steines, Chair

NAY: _____


Nin Fligel, Member

ATTEST: 
Alisa Smith
Jackson County Auditor


Don Schwenker, Member