NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Main Site
Lincoln Executive Building, 521 South 14th Street–Room 103, Lincoln, Nebraska
Video Conference Sites
- South Sioux City-Administration Offices, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska
- University of Nebraska-Kearney, Founders Hall-Warner Conference Room, 2504 9th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska
- Schuyler High School-Central Office, 401 Adam Street, Schuyler, Nebraska
- Educational Service Unit #16, 1221 West 17th Street, North Platte, Nebraska
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lieutenant Governor Lavon Heidemann, Chair
Senator Dan Watermeier (non-voting)
Pat Flanagan, PM Managed Services – CoSentry, LLC
Donna Hammack, Saint Elizabeth Foundation
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, South Sioux City
Dr. Dan Hoesing, Superintendent, Schuyler Community Schools
Mike Huggenberger, Director-Netlink, Great Plains Communications
Doug Kristensen, JD, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Kearney
Brad Moline, Allo Communications
Dan Shundoff, Intellicom

ROLL CALL, NOTICE OF MEETING & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Lt. Governor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were seven voting members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on September 18, 2013. The meeting agenda was posted on the NITC website on December 5, 2013. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was on the meeting materials table located against the east side of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 31, 2013*

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the July 31, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Hoesing seconded. Roll call vote: Heidemann-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, and Moline-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Shundoff arrived to the Kearney site.

STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN - APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS*

The Statewide Technology Plan goes through an update every other year. This year, the Action Items of the Statewide Technology need to be updated. Commissioners were asked if they had any questions regarding the action items for discussion. Commissioner Flanagan expressed that the plan was very comprehensive including GIS initiative. The Commission had no additions, recommendations or questions.

Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve the updated action items for the Statewide Technology Plan. Commissioner Huggenberger seconded. Roll call vote: Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes,

Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, and Heidemann-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORT - STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Becker reported that since the last NITC meeting, the Council has been working on the Council action items and NITC standards and guidelines. The Council is recommending approval of four standards and guidelines.

Standards and Guidelines - NITC 4-201: Web Branding and Policy Consistency*
Purpose: The Technical Panel and the State Government Council recommended approval. The Office of the CIO worked with the State's Webmasters Group. The former standard would not allow the webmasters to alter the size of the banner. This update states allowable and non-allowable changed. The Commission had no recommended changes.

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the NITC 4-201: Web Branding and Policy Consistency as presented. Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Roll call vote: Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, and Heidemann-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Standards and Guidelines - NITC 5-401: Active Directory; User Photographs*
Purpose: Microsoft's Active Directory has an attribute ("thumbnailPhoto") to store a thumbnail portrait photograph of each user. Other applications, including Microsoft Outlook and the Exchange Global Address List, will display these photographs automatically in the context of providing information about the user. This document provides guidance on the use of this feature in the State's shared Active Directory forest.

The Technical Panel and the State Government Council recommended approval. This is a new standard available to all agencies. Employees can opt out of having their photo displayed in their email. Agencies had concerns about the image file requirement and storage of the thumbnail photographs. Section 2.2 and 2.3 addressed these concerns. The Commission had no recommended changes.

Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve NITC 5-401: Active Directory; User Photographs standards and guidelines. Commissioner Moline seconded. Roll call vote: Moline-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Heidemann-Yes, and Shundoff-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kristensen arrived at the Kearney site.

Standards and Guidelines - NITC 8-101: Information Security Policy Amendments*
Purpose: The purpose of this Information Security Policy is to provide a uniform set of reasonable and appropriate security safeguards for protection of the confidentiality, integrity, availability and privacy of State of Nebraska information collected, stored, and used to serve the citizens of the State of Nebraska. This Information Security Policy contains the minimum safeguards, responsibilities and acceptable behaviors required to establish and maintain a secure environment.

The Technical Panel and the State Government Council recommended approval. The Security Work Group of the State Government Council recommended two amends. The first amendment was to include the data classification definitions in the Policy rather than in the Security manual. Section 4.6 included the data classification. The second amendment was to include a section regarding security of electronic email and forwarding state email to a personal email account. Section 4.8.2.1 addresses this issue. The Commission had no recommended changes.

Commissioner Huggenberger moved to approve the NITC 8-101: Information Security Policy Amendments as presented. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Roll call vote: Hammack-Yes,

Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Heidemann-Yes, and Flanagan-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Standards and Guidelines - NITC 8-301: Password Standard*
Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to set the minimum requirements for passwords and the related system access requirements based on the data classification (NITC 8-101, § 4.6).

The Technical Panel and the State Government Council recommended approval. The NITC 8-301 Password Standard was approved in 2007 primarily for state government workers. Many agencies have deployed web-based applications. The 90-day password expiration requirement was becoming cumbersome for the public users especially when accessing the web-based application once a year. The Council recommended access and password expiration be based on the data classification. The Security Work Group recommended a complete revision of the password standard. Commissioner Flanagan commented that the standards were easy to read and understand. The Commission had no recommended changes.

Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve the NITC 8-301: Password Standard as presented. Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Roll call vote: Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, and Heidemann-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORT - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Broadband Plan Kickoff. The NITC is a partner in the Nebraska Public Service Commission's broadband mapping and planning grant. One of the components of the project is the development of a state broadband plan. Since the NITC has expertise in strategic planning and has an existing advisory group whose focus is broadband adoption and development in communities, the NITC will be leading the development of a state broadband plan. In addition to the Nebraska Public Service Commission, other partners include the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and the AIM Institute. Over 50 stakeholders participated in the kickoff meeting for the state broadband plan in Lincoln or at one of nine other video sites. The discussions centered on identifying strengths, resources, areas in which we could improve, and where we want to be in the future. Participants also discussed the priority areas identified in the regional plans: economic development, agriculture, digital literacy/adoption, and broadband availability and affordability. Work groups are being formed to identify best practices and develop action items for these areas.

Broadband Conference. Approximately 250 individuals attended the Nebraska broadband conference in Kearney on October 16-17. Keynote speakers included Steve Kiene from Nebraska Global, and global futurist and author Jack Uldrich. Ms. Byers thanked the Commissioners were able to attend the conference.

Mobile Pulse. The Nebraska Public Service Commission is looking for volunteers to download the Mobile Pulse app to their smart phone to test mobile wireless download speeds. Location information but no personal or identifiable information will be transferred. The app will use no more than 100 MB of data in a month.

Broadband Availability 2010-2013. There was a map in the Community Council report link that showed broadband availability in Nebraska.

Business Survey. A survey of Nebraska businesses is currently being conducted. Selected businesses who completed the survey will also receive coaching on how to better utilize broadband. Preliminary results show that Nebraska businesses are utilizing broadband at a slightly higher rate than businesses in the other states in which this business survey has been conducted. Broadband is most often used by Nebraska businesses to purchase goods and services, for banking and financial services, and for government transactions.

Community Council Membership. The Community Council is being reenergized and has the following slate of new member nominations for the NITC's approval:

Libraries and Local Government nominees:
- Jessica Chamberlain, Norfolk Public Library
- Steve Fosselman, Grand Island Public Library
- Steve Henderson, City of Lincoln
- Holly Woldt, Nebraska Library Commission

Rural and Community IT nominees:
- Pam Adams, American Broadband
- Randy Bretz, TEDxLincoln Curator
- Dave Hahn, Nebraska Information Network
- Connie Hancock, University of Nebraska Extension
- Jacob Knutson, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Kim Kuhle, US Bank
- David Lofdahl, IT Consultant
- Paul Ludwick, Nebraska Link
- Monica Lueking-Crowe, Furnas Harlan Partnership
- Marion McDermott, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
- Megan McGown, City of Sidney, Community Development Director

Commissioner Hedquist moved to approve the Community Council slate of new members. Commissioner Huggenberger seconded. **Roll call vote: Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Heidemann-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, and Hammack-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

REPORT - EHEALTH COUNCIL

Provider Satisfaction of Health Information Exchange. Our evaluation team from UNMC surveyed health care providers in Nebraska about their satisfaction of health information exchange. Survey respondents identified cost and lost productivity during implementation as perceived barriers. Respondents identified accessing a comprehensive list of the patient's medications, accessing a comprehensive list of the patient's allergies, and viewing lab results from other providers as the most important functionalities for inclusion in a health information exchange. Over three times as many NeHII users reported being satisfied, compared to being dissatisfied. The information from the survey will help NeHII prioritize future functionality.

Request for 90/10 Matching HIE Funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Nebraska Medicaid Program submitted a request for 90/10 matching funds for health information exchange to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The request for funding for eBHIN was denied. Additional information on the NeHII proposal was requested and sent to CMS. An updated request for funding will be sent to CMS this which contains just the NeHII proposal.

E-Prescribing Controlled Substances. E-prescribing continues to grow in Nebraska. In October 2013, nearly 3,000 physicians (89%) in Nebraska e-prescribed. Ninety-seven percent of community pharmacies in Nebraska accept e-prescriptions. The next issue on the horizon is e-prescribing controlled substances. E-prescribing controlled substances has been rolling out nationwide and is permissible in Nebraska if prescribers and pharmacies meet all of the requirements set out by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Currently, Hy-Vee pharmacies and some independent pharmacies in Nebraska are using certified systems. Only a handful of prescribers in Nebraska are using systems which are certified for e-prescribing controlled substances. It is likely that we will start to see some e-prescriptions for controlled substances in Nebraska in the near future as more providers and pharmacies upgrade their systems. The map below shows pharmacy participation in e-prescribing controlled substances. The eHealth Council's E-Prescribing Work Group met on Dec. 3 to discuss outreach efforts to pharmacies and prescribers.

NeHII. NeHII continues to add users with 3,580 users as of Nov. 29, up from 2,664 on Jan. 4, 2013. Participating health systems and third party payers include Alegent Creighton Health Hospitals (including Omaha, Papillion, Schuyler, Corning, IA, Council Bluffs, IA, and Missouri Valley, IA), Avera Creighton Hospital (Creighton), Avera St. Anthony's Hospital (O'Neill), Beatrice Community Hospital (Beatrice), Boys Town National Research Hospital (Omaha), Cass County Health System (Atlantic, IA), Children's Hospital and Medical Center (Omaha), Columbus Community Hospital (Columbus), Creighton University Medical Center (Omaha), Great Plains Regional Medical Center (North Platte), Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital (Hastings), Methodist Health System (Omaha), The Nebraska Medical Center (Omaha and Bellevue), Nebraska Spine Hospital (Omaha), Regional West Medical Center (Scottsbluff), Sidney Regional Medical Center (Sidney), York General Hospital (York), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, and Coventry Health Care of Nebraska.

eBHIN. The Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network (eBHIN) currently has 498 users from 27 organizations in the Omaha area (Region 6) and Southeast Nebraska (Region 5). Three more organizations in the Omaha area will be joining eBHIN. eBHIN is also working on a grant proposal with Region 3 in Central Nebraska for funding for Region 3 to join eBHIN.

State HIE Cooperative Agreement Update. The State HIE Cooperative Agreement ends March 14, 2014. We have expended 94% of our grant funds. Here is a breakdown of the expenditures.

	Expended	Allocated	% Expended	Balance
NeHII	$4,825,317.51	$4,945,775.00	98%	$120,457.49
State/NITC	$102,186.74	$109,575.00	93%	$7,388.26
Eval/UNMC	$178,778.18	$269,435.00	66%	$90,656.82
eBHIN	$1,092,287.64	$1,112,275.00	98%	$19,987.36
Pub Health	$172,071.56	$326,500.00	53%	$154,428.44
Telehealth	$70,802.01	$73,620.00	96%	$2,817.99
Total	**$6,441,443.64**	**$6,837,180.00**	**94%**	**$395,736.36**

Membership. Carol Brandl, who represented the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network on the eHealth Council, has retired. The Telehealth Network nominated Max Thacker, Associate Director of Information Technology Services at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, as their representative. His bio was included in the meeting materials for the Commissioner's review. The eHealth Council would like to nominate Max Thacker as a new eHealth Council member.

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the nomination of Max Thacker as a new eHealth Council member. Commissioner Hoesing seconded. Roll call vote: Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Heidemann-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, and Huggenberger-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORT - EDUCATION COUNCIL

Network Nebraska Update. Network Nebraska-Education is about to enter its eighth summer of participant growth, with up to 28 new entities expected to come aboard on 7/1/2014. Network Nebraska-Education was recently recognized by NASCIO as the top Cross-Boundary Collaboration and Partnership project among 12 other state I.T. nominees. Statewide Internet access continues to be one of the most recognized benefits of participating with Network Nebraska-Education as the statewide contracted unit rate is expected to be reduced, again, by nearly 50% for 2014-15. Network Nebraska will have transported over 575 video distance learning courses by the close of the 2013-14 school year. New services to be implemented during 2013-14 include Commercial Peering Service through Internet2, Intrusion Protection Services, and a possible dark fiber transport project to Grand Island. Recent inquiries about Network Nebraska's participation level, governance, and cost recovery models have originated from the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Maine, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Digital Education Update. Digital Education Initiative has many exciting developments in simultaneous motion as a result of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) BlendED Initiative.

BlendED includes such components as identity management, learning management, content management, data analytics and professional development. Nebraska ESUs are currently participating in, and being recognized for, a national pilot project for InCommon federated identity management services. The ESUs are also working on envisioning a successor program to the original LB 1208 lottery incentives. Higher education tends to develop digital education assets more at an institutional or sector level, but is monitoring the BlendED Initiative by K-12 for possible programmatic crossovers. All levels of education are experiencing a proliferation of tablet devices and smart phones, high density wireless, and more Internet access, making digital education for all learners more likely.

GIS COUNCIL - REPORT

Next Generation 9-1-1 and the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI). Nebraska Legislative action prompted a new bill (LB 595) in 2013 to study the implications, costs, and necessary components for the development and implementation for a statewide Next Generation (NG9-1-1) program. Through an RFP process, the Public Service Commission selected a vendor, Mission Critical Partners (MCP), to conduct the study. The study is being conducted between September 2013 through January 2014. A draft report will be delivered to the Public Service Commission January 31, 2013 and a final report to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee the first week of April 2014.

A key component to NG9-1-1 is GIS and geospatial data. Members of the GIS Council and the Street Centerline Address Geodatabase Working Group are working on related spatial data efforts that benefits NG9-1-1 prior to the bill and study. Many of the priority Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI) contribute to the success of NG9-1-1 and are illustrated in the following figure. The GIS Council is independently assessing the status of the current data layers and needs for NG9-1-1. A recent summary report was compiled on the current status of several NESDI priority data layers. One of the primary ingredients will be to develop a statewide point address database. This does not currently exist. Efforts of the current E 9-1-1 has created preliminary street centerline data by county but there is no seamless street centerline database to support NG9-1-1 at this time. There are recommended national standards through the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) to develop this data.

The working group developed a survey mid-year with expectations to go out to PSAPs to inventory their current geospatial data and GIS capabilities. This started out as a national and state effort through the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), other states, and the NITC GIS Council. The State GIS Coordinator is a member of the NSGIC NG9-1-1 and addressing working group that helped facilitate the development of the survey. The survey questions were incorporated into the data collection process by MCP. Rather than being sent out online to be completed, the data collected was conducted either through phone conversations and/or face to face meetings across the state by MCP. A summary of the findings are being organized by MCP and will be provided at a later date.

The Street Centerline Address Geodatabase Working Group has already drafted database schemas in relationship to both a state wide street centerline and address point database that not only meets NENA standards but other needs of the data beyond NG9-1-1.

Business Plans. Business plans are nearing completion for imagery, elevation, land records, street centerline and address geodatabase, and NebraskaMAP. An inventory and assessment of various NESDI data layers started in August to collect pertinent information to support the NESDI and needs for the business plans. Projected costs were recently completed in the last month. With the advent of the NG9-1-1 study, a significant discussion surfaced about the relationship between various NESDI framework layers and how they would work together. This prompted two new action items at the last GIS Council meeting to gather information for the business plans.

Membership. The GIS Council requested approval of Todd Whitfield, Lamp, Rynearson and Associates, Inc. as a new GIS Council member representing the At Large (industry) GIS Council seat.

Commissioner Huggenberger moved to approve the eHealth Council's slate of new members. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. **Roll call vote: Heidemann-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes,**

Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, and Shundoff. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL PANEL

2014 Deficit Budget Requests Project Reviews - Department of Revenue*
(Full Text | Summary Sheet)

Below are the Project Tier categories and descriptions:
- Mandate: Required by law, regulation, or other authority.
- Tier 1: Highly Recommended. Mission critical project for the agency and/or the state.
- Tier 2: Recommended. High strategic importance to the agency and/or the state.
- Tier 3: Other. Significant strategic importance to the agency and/or the state; but, in general, has an overall lower priority than the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects.
- Tier 4: Insufficient information to proceed with a recommendation for funding.

Due to "Unknown" information regarding the technical details and the proposed technology of the project, the Technical Panel recommended that the Department of Revenue work with the Office of the CIO to further develop the proposal to assure successful project implementation.

Due to the "unknown" technical variables of the project, Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve the Technical Panel's recommendation directing the Department of Revenue to work the Office of the CIO to further develop the proposal. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Roll call vote: Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, and Heidemann-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Enterprise Projects Designation - Department of Administrative Services - E-1 Upgrade*

The Department of Administrative Services received approval from the Legislature to do an RFI study on the future of E1. The study determined that E1 should be upgraded rather than to release an RFP for a new financial reporting system. The E1 Upgrade would affect all state agencies. The Technical Panel recommended that the project be classified as an Enterprise Project to be monitored by the NITC.

Commissioner Moline moved to designate the Department of Administrative Services E1 Upgrade Project as an Enterprise Project. Commissioner Huggenberger seconded. Roll call vote: Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff, and Heidemann-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Project Closures

Nebraska State Patrol - Fusion Center*. Although the Project had experienced issues with the vendor, the project was successfully implemented. A final report was provided to the Technical Panel. The Technical Panel recommended closure of the Project.

Commissioner Hedquist moved to designate the Nebraska State Patrol Fusion Center Project as a closed project. Commissioner Hoesing seconded. Roll call vote: Moline-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Heidemann-Yes, and Shundoff-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Workers' Compensation Court - Adjudication Re-engineering*. The Presiding Judge has directed the project team to begin working with the Supreme Court and Nebraska Interactive LLC (hosting company of www.nebraska.gov) to pursue integrating with the E-Filing system used by the rest of the Nebraska courts.
The Technical Panel recommended closure of the Project.

**Commissioner Huggenberger moved to designate the Workers' Compensation Court -
Adjudication Re-engineering as a closed project. Commissioner Huggenberger seconded**. **Roll
call vote: Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-
Yes, Shundoff, Heidemann-Yes, and Flanagan-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion
carried.**

Status Report. All Enterprise Projects are in "green" status green showing no risk factors at this time.
Mr. Weir reported that the University of Nebraska is making with accessibility issues.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

NASCIO 2013 State IT Recognition Awards. The National Association of State CIO's provides a
national award to states with innovative I.T. projects. This year Nebraska had three finalists in three
different areas as indicated below. Network Nebraska-Education won the national award for Cross-
Boundary Collaboration and Partnerships. At the NASCIO conference, Mr. Rolfes hosted two sessions
and a round table at the conference. All sessions were full. He has been invited by other states to
discuss and learn about Network Nebraska.

1. Awardee: **Network Nebraska-Education** (**Video**)
2. Finalist: **Nebraska Capitol Live**
3. Finalist: **Nebraska Handicap Permits**

Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Network Planning Project. The Office of the CIO has received a
federal grant from the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) in the amount of
$1.88 million. The 3-year grant is part of the FirstNet initiative to provide emergency responders with the
first high-speed, nationwide network dedicated to public safety. Nebraska will need to decide whether to
"opt-in" meaning the federal government will build the network, or "opt-out" meaning Nebraska will build
its own network that will connect to the nationwide network. The Nebraska Public Safety Broadband
(NPSB) Project has hired Bob Wilhelm as the Project Manager. The first part of the grant will be to
provide training and awareness to public safety entities. The first SLIGP (State and Local Implementation
Grant Program) Conference will be held on December 18th-19th in Kearney. Commissioners were invited
to attend.

Legislative Resolutions. The Commissioners were informed about the following Legislative
Resolutions.

LR 223, Introduced by Senator Mello
PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding open data policies. This study
shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:
(1) Current government data policies at the state and municipal level;
(2) Formatting of government data in Nebraska, including whether such formats are easily accessible to
the public;
(3) Potential economic benefits of making government data more accessible to entrepreneurs,
researchers, and other members of the public; and
(4) Appropriate safeguards to ensure that privacy, confidentiality, and security concerns relating to
government data are addressed.

LR 244, Introduced by Senator Mello, Senator Conrad, Senator Dubas, and Senator Harms
PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the Nebraska Public Safety
Communication System. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of current system
effectiveness, user accessibility, equipment needs, and user training. The study shall include the history
of how the system was created, any cost benefit analysis that was made, who were the major decision
makers, and the key decisions that were made. The study shall also determine the costs of updating the
system, and what issues present hindrances to providing a public safety communication system that
adequately addresses the needs of all interested parties.

A hearing has been held. The Office of the CIO provided information on the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System. There are areas in Nebraska that need coverage. The OCIO is in the process of installing three more towers, as well as adding more channels. Every site has four channels which includes a control channel.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Decker informed the Commissioner that there are several commissioners whose terms will end in April: Land Hedquist, Pat Flanagan, Dr. Dan Hoesing and Dan Shundoff (can be reappointed). The Commission will be meeting again one more time before their terms expire.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kristensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moline seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the Office of the CIO/NITC staff.