



Commission Meeting

March 29, 2023

Motion to approve the upgrade of Information Technology's Cisco security appliance and purchase associated software through DISYS Solutions, Inc.

Department:	Information Technology
Presenter:	Gary Hewett, Deputy CIO
Caption:	Motion to approve the upgrade of Information Technology's Cisco security appliance and purchase associated software through DISYS Solutions, Inc.
Background:	Information Technology is currently utilizing a security appliance that is (7) seven years old. This product is aging and in need of replacement. It is currently performing adequate security filtering. However, due to the importance of this function, we are requesting this upgrade to a larger, faster more robust security appliance/firewall. This software and new security appliance will provide more bandwidth for Augusta's mission critical applications.
Analysis:	Information Technology's existing security appliance is approaching end of support. The purchase of this new security appliance/firewall is necessary to ensure that only permissible traffic is allowed inside Augusta's network. This appliance and associated software will provide an added layer of security to all Augusta employees, data, and operations.
Financial Impact:	The cost of the new security appliance is \$148,576.64. Funds are available in the 2023 Information Technology capital budget (272015410). The total cost of the 5-year Cisco software agreement is \$1,600,125.75, or \$320,025.15 per year. The agreement replaces an existing year-to-year renewal and is included in the 2023 operating budget (101015410).
Alternatives:	Deny the motion.
Recommendation:	Approve motion to replace the existing security appliance and associated software.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	272015410-5424910; 101015410-5238110
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A