



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of New Policy No. IT-2 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of County Administrator signature of new County Information Technology Policy No. IT-2, Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The rapid development and adoption of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) have ushered in a new era of technological innovation, with significant implications for both public and private sectors. Generative AI technologies, capable of producing human-like text, images, and other media, are transforming how organizations operate, communicate, and make decisions. However, the integration of such powerful tools into operations requires careful consideration of ethical, legal, and security concerns. As these technologies evolve, so too must the policies that govern their use. The County's AI policy reflects a commitment to harnessing the benefits of generative AI while ensuring its application aligns with ethical standards, legal requirements, and best practices in data protection and cybersecurity. By establishing clear guidelines for the responsible use of AI, the policy aims to mitigate potential risks, such as data breaches, intellectual property violations, and biased outcomes, while promoting transparency and accountability among all users within the organization.

This policy was created by IT leadership in close partnership with the Legal department. IT staff from across the County and Department Heads have reviewed this new Generative AI policy.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

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