



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Cybersecurity Yearly Update and Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of County Administrator signature of Information Technology Cybersecurity Yearly Update and Plan.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County has continued to mature its cybersecurity program over the past year, with notable improvements in our ability to prevent, detect, and respond to threats. IT has refined governance and operating practices, strengthened identity and access management, broadened routine security assessments and exercises, and advanced organization- wide awareness efforts. Technical safeguards were enhanced across endpoints and key services, and controls were consolidated to improve consistency and value.

Looking ahead, IT will focus is on institutionalizing these gains by modernizing policy, elevating baseline protections for devices and browsers, improving software and third- party oversight, advancing disaster- recovery readiness, and reinforcing stewardship of cloud- hosted information. These actions, aligned with nationally recognized best practices, respond to an evolving threat environment and internal operational needs which are designed to sustain resilience and uphold privacy, safeguarding the sensitive information the public entrusts to Deschutes County.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Tania Mahood, Information Technology Director/CTO
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