

**Council Order: 2026-021**

**Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard  
March 23, 2026**

**Transfer of General Fund Free Cash to  
the FY 2026 Information Technology Expense Budget**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$43,891.88 from the certified General Fund free cash to the 2026 Information Technology (“IT”) Expense Budget for the purpose of funding technology and facilities maintenance, repairs and upgrades at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center (“RICC”), including, the replacement of the RICC computer server, the purchase of a backup computer server for the RICC, and the upgrade and expansion of the wireless networking capabilities at the RICC.

**Explanation:** Last week, the Town experienced a hardware failure involving the primary computer server located at the RICC. This server had been scheduled for replacement during the upcoming capital budget cycle due to its age, but it unfortunately failed before that replacement could occur.

To restore operations and reduce the risk of future outages, the IT Department is requesting funding to purchase two servers for the RICC. One server would replace the failed unit, and the second would serve as a redundant backup server. Installing a second server will allow the system to continue operating if one unit experiences a failure. Currently, the building only has a single server, which creates significant operational risk when hardware issues occur. At the same time, the RICC’s network firewall, which protects the Town’s network from external threat, needs to be replaced and the existing wireless access points need to be upgraded in order to be compatible with the new, stronger, firewall.

These replacements will restore access to critical files, stabilize the network infrastructure at the RICC, and significantly reduce the risk of future outages.