

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM #8
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Part (a) would spend up to \$15,000 on an outside IT consultant to review the county's IT infrastructure and recommend minimum computer standards. It also gives the Purchasing Officer, rather than the county's own IT leadership, the authority to select that consultant.

This is the same unresolved conflict that has already forced this Court to reassign supervision of the IT Department and has repeatedly come before you in recent meetings. Spending taxpayer money on a consultant so no one here has to make the decision is passing the buck.

Judge Wilson has said more than once during recent budget discussions that he wants taxpayers to feel we are getting our money's worth. Paying \$15,000 to avoid making a decision does not meet that ideal.

You also cannot cleanly reject (a) and simply proceed with (b). Without clear standards, authorizing the purchase only continues the same conflict.

I ask the Court to reject the consultant expenditure. Require usable standards by a firm deadline. If the two offices involved cannot produce them, then this Court should set the standards itself.

Stop spending our money to avoid making a decision.