Commissioners,

I'm working with Mr. Hill in trying to apply for some grant funds for an additional layer of network security for the County's network. This would be utilized to analyze all incoming and outgoing traffic and, after a period of learning, eventually block malicious traffic. Eric and I are currently evaluating several services that all perform the same function. After we make a decision on which one to recommend, we will be forming a grant request based on the cost for that solution.

Regardless of the grant result, I will be requesting such a solution as an additional layer of security for the County network. It provides a very useful layer of security and additional tracking in the event there is an issue.

Prior to any agreement regardless of grant or not we will be presenting this to you for your approval.

Thank you,

Shawn Plowman