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AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MICROSOFT SERVER LICENSING

The 2015 Budget includes funding to enter into a new Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft to upgrade and extend the County’s Microsoft software licenses. The County Board previously authorized the purchase of licensing for end user software and database platforms such as the Microsoft Office Suite. This resolution authorizes licensing for servers and will complete the County’s licensing obligations with Microsoft for a three year period.

This resolution authorizes the licenses necessary to support the virtual servers that host and support the end user applications. Each physical server is powered to run 60 to 70 guest platforms. The platforms currently in production include Windows Server, Exchange Server, Lync Server, SharePoint Server, and SQL Server. All but one of the County’s 350 applications use the Microsoft SQL platform.

This licensing agreement also includes Software Assurance (SA) which provides access to training vouchers for technical staff, online learning, implementation planning services, technical support services, and the home use program.

The agreement provides server licensing for a three year period at a cost of approximately \$902,000. At the end of this three-year commitment, the County may decide to purchase another three-year licensing package or to discontinue the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to enter into an agreement to purchase Server and Cloud Enrollment (SCE) licensing as authorized in the 2015 Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project is authorized to proceed in advance of borrowing.