

# The Dickson Herald

## County leaders move toward bridging 'Digital Divide'

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Dickson County leaders met in October after months of work this year and devised a plan to improve the county's economy and quality of life, according to a press release from Connected Tennessee.

Among the locals involved are Dickson County Mayor Robert Stone and county Chamber of Commerce President and CEO David Hamilton.

The Connected Dickson County Strategic Technology Plan makes recommendations for technology-based improvements in nine sectors of the community: business and industry, healthcare, libraries, K-12 education, higher education, community-based organizations, government, agriculture and tourism, recreation and parks.

The report identifies the top priorities for the next two years: Implement a county technology awareness program and complete county technology asset inventory.

The report also includes dozens of recommendations for future steps, such as connecting the agriculture community for advanced information sharing, news and market distribution; creating a technologically-capable workforce through training and skills development and improving the ability to conduct business with government over the Internet by developing more e-government applications that provide value to the consumer.

The Dickson County eCommunity Leadership Team built the plan with guidance from Connected Tennessee, a non-profit group working to increase the availability and use of technology throughout the state, according to the press release. Connected Tennessee is made possible by support from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

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