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Auditor's 2nd Review of Information Security
Follow-Up Assessment
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The Washington County Auditor's Office published this audit in November 2022.

Purpose: We conducted this review to determine whether the County had an appropriate information security management program and the extent to which the County's Information Technology Services (ITS) organization had implemented the first six Basic Controls identified by the Center for Internet Security Controls in CIS Controls, Version 7.1.

Assessment: The County reports these recommendations as In Progress. The Office will follow-up on the status of the in-progress recommendations in July 2026. The County Administrator's Office has requested a delay in future status updates due to capacity constraints stemming from the budget process.

Audit Recommendations	Status
1. The County Administrator should formally establish and authorize ITS' role and responsibilities as the centralized technology service provider, serving all Washington County agencies.	In Progress
2. The County Administrator should submit for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) an Administrative Policy establishing an information security governance framework for the County. The governance framework should include an information security steering committee of appropriate stakeholders to provide oversight of the information security program.	In Progress
3. The County Administrator should implement the information security governance framework adopted by the BCC through administrative procedures that assign responsibility for development and implementation of an entity-wide information security program to a qualified Information Security Officer (ISO) with sufficient staff, budget, authority, and independence to effectively implement information security entity wide.	In Progress

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4. The ISO and the steering committee should propose entity wide information security policies and procedures for adoptions by the BCC or the County Administrator.	In Progress
5. The ISO should implement an information security program that uses industry accepted methods and processes to continuously assess and address technology risks, including the deficiencies identified in this review.	In Progress

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