## **Monroe County Land Information Council**

**APPROVED MINUTES** 

COMMITTEE: Land Information Council

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Monroe County Board Assembly Room, 1st Floor-Room #1200, 112 S Court St, Sparta, WI 54656

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

PRESENT: BRANNICK BEATSE, GARY DECHANT, AL HOFF, ANNETTE ERICKSON, DEB BRANDT,

JEREMIAH ERICKSON. Gary Left at 10:30 AM.

- 1. Call to order/Roll call. At 9:05 AM.
- Motion by Gary Dechant to approve the November 20, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Brannick Beatse. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- 3. Update on Land Information Office activities in brief. Assisted Brannick with getting the end of the year splits and transfers completed. Preparing data that will support the new dispatch software, Zuercher. Just in the preliminary stages of that. Working on getting the information ready to submit parcels to the State of Wisconsin. Brannick and I attended the WLIA meeting last week. It was an informative conference, heavy on LiDAR information which we are getting flown this year. The federal shutdown did not affect our grant process and they are set to fly the county when the snow departs in the Spring. I input quite a few new coordinates that we have received. I worked on updating the ATV/UTV trails map for the highway dept. I got some minor projects and requests done so that I can focus on the larger ones in coming months. It was a slow start to 2019 in regards to address issuance.
- 4. I discussed the RFP language for GIS Server Replacement and Configuration, one final item to determine is dates for when the RFP will go out and I am still looking to get a small piece of information regarding our existing server. I did budget for classes and may take some but would rather hire a consultant to come in and work on everything and shadow them. Considering I am a GIS Specialist and not a GIS Coordinator it shouldn't be expected that I install it all anyway. We hope to prepare so that we are more autonomous from IT in the future as they may not be able to provide us assistance.
- 5. Discussion on requesting limited amounts of LTE time through Land Information Office in 2019 and beyond. I am awaiting a response from personnel on the matter but Al Hoff and Gary Dechant are both okay with this being tabled for now. I will share what I hear from personnel anyway so that we can consider all options in the future.
- 6. Possible expansion of County Surveyor hours in 2020. Going to 8 hours per week would be warranted if we went with full countywide CSM review. I noted if we did so we should also consider Condo review as well. Gary is open to working 8 hours but feels that at this time he can get what is necessary done in 4 hours. We will consider this further down the road. All surveys are reviewed in Vernon County and they went to a full time surveyor last year. Monroe County had 115 CSMs recorded in 2018.
- 7. Consideration of a request to partially fund the GIS Specialist position via the levy in 2020 and beyond. I noted that it may be time to at least discuss the possibility of transferring partial coverage of my position onto the levy. Counties in the area are staffed similar and in some cases greater than we are. It can be justified simply in that if the money were taken away by the legislature someone would still be necessary to carry out tasks, plus money is used to cover software that is used constantly and that need will not go away and thus it would be a step taken towards protecting the county from hardship if funding mechanisms are taken away. Perhaps 25% coverage is a good start.
- 8. Old Business/New Business
  - a. Register of Deeds office Fidlar software status update. Deb discussed with us that they went live on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tracy the project manager has been on-site off and on and worked well. We have had a lot of positive feedback with one lone individual whom had negative feedback. There are three different ways the public can access the documents, Laredo, Tapestry, and in the Register of Deeds Office. There are 9 subscribers on Laredo. Tapestry revenues are looking good. Swift electronic mailing of documents is an option. They are adding additional E-Recorders soon. Free Property Fraud Alert is available. Brannick and Jeremiah indicated that there are a few drawbacks to using the new system but the negative effects are only felt by us. It is the inability to view the entire

document at one time or opening multiple documents for comparisons to be made when mapping or troubleshooting situations of ownership. It was suggested that we contact Buffalo County. We are searchable by name back to 1968, scanned back to 1935 and our digital tract is back to 1992. Property Fraud Alerts are available for free.

GARY left around this time of the meeting leaving us short of a quorum.

- b. ADC WGXtreme updates. Will hopefully be working on this towards the end of the week with Jeremy Hold of ADC. We are going to implement parcel layers of multiple years. It was requested that we investigate a link from GCS to Fidlar that is currently down.
- c. Zuercher status updates. Time frames moved up but tabled the rest of discussion with Randy not being present.
- d. Items for next meeting's agenda. Budgets for 2020.
- e. Potential dates. Likely in June on a Tuesday.
- f. Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> is Annette's last day. Congratulations and thank you for your service to Monroe County.
- 9. Unofficially at 11:15 AM Brannick Motioned and Annette Second. All in favor.

Date notices emailed & posted: 2/27/19

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.