

Monroe County Land Information Council

Minutes

COMMITTEE: Land Information Council
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Monroe County Board Assembly Room, 1st Floor-Room #1200, 112 S Court St, Sparta, WI 54656
DATE: Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022

PRESENT: Jeremiah Erickson, Cedric Schnitzler, James Kuhn, Gary Dechant, Rick Folkedahl, Deb Brandt, Brannick Beatse, Michael Thompson.

1. Call to order/Roll call at 1:04 PM
2. **Gary Dechant made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 Minutes, second by Rick Folkedahl, all in favor motion carried, 8-0.**
3. Discussion about changes to the Monroe County Rural Addressing and Road Naming Policy, changes were made to reflect a fee increase from \$15 to \$20. In addition a change was made to note the local municipalities will be ordering their own signs. Replacement address sign fee was eliminated as the purchase will not be made by the County on behalf of the Towns anymore. Minor clarification of the rural address sign schematics. Minor capitalization adjustments were made for consistency in the document. **Motion by Jim Kuhn to accept changes to the Monroe County Rural Addressing and Road Naming Policy, seconded by Michael Thompson, all in favor, motion carried unanimous 8-0.**
4. Discussion on the amounts of money paid by other counties for section corner coordinates and for when they do a full remonumentation. Most counties have no bounty program because they have a full time county surveyor. The dollar amount we pay doesn't seem to move the needle for most- people to put the effort into providing coordinates and updating a tie sheet. The hope is that more people are willing to provide that information to us. In addition it has been a long time since the amount has changed. **Motion by Jim to increase the bounty we pay for section corner coordinates from \$75 to \$100. Seconded by Deb Brandt. Gary Dechant abstained from the discussion and the vote. The motion passed 7-0.**
5. **Motion by Brannick Beatse to table discussion and action on additional LiDAR derivatives until next meeting on November 15th, Jim Kuhn second. All in Favor. Motion carried 8-0.**
6. Preliminary budget was presented. The revenues from retained fees are trending down so that line was cut. Salaries and benefits are up. We will continue to try to complete our PLSS grid with survey grade section corner coordinates and another RFP is planned for next year. One of the new annual fees will be for the Online LiDAR Viewer and updated annual fees for GCS have been entered. Cuts were made in training and travel and no major projects are planned for next year. A new grant opportunity exists but there would need to be a levy match. This was tentatively placed in the budget but will not occur if we are not awarded the grant or the county has no funds available. **Motion by Deb Brandt to accept the preliminary land information office budget for 2023, second by Cedric Schnitzler, all in favor, motion carried unanimous, 8-0.**
7. **Gary Dechant had to leave the meeting so we were adjourned at 1:44 PM because we no longer met quorum**
8. Member updates:
 - a. Deb Brandt noted that in the Register of Deeds office that recordings are down. They continue to back index and are back to 1989. The Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association received the Governor's Award.
 - b. Brannick Beatse noted that it is busy in the treasurer's office as it is tax time. Doing well with assessment rolls. They have a new employee Brenda in the office.
 - c. Michael Thompson discussed the ESInet that is being established. AT&T involved with this. The existing 911 system is based on an analog machine in Black River Falls that is obsolete, copper wiring is being replaced with fiber optic lines and that will help move us to NextGen911. The new system will be free and will not involve monthly fees when up and running. The county is moving towards designating a single PSAP for the county which will make us eligible for grants from the state. The participation agreement needs to be signed before they can attempt to obtain grants. A grant cycle is open and applications are due on October 25. This differs from the GIS NG911 grant but is related. Dispatch is fully staffed at this tie.

- d. Rick Folkedahl noted that they are looking forward to GCS software moving to the cloud. This will allow them to update their system on their own servers in the cloud. Right now that is being beta tested with Milwaukee County.
 - e. Jeremiah Erickson noted that he took a lot of vacation in July and when he returned the new NG911 grant opportunity was unveiled, when he was able to ask about the grant it did not allow for much time for Finance or anyone else to discuss the financial side of things with county levy money necessary to cover a 20% match. The online LiDAR Viewer is live and he has got a few calls about it. The plan is to notify the paper that it is available and see if they are interested in reporting about it during a slow news week
9. Non-statutory member terms expire in October.
10. A quick demonstration of the Online LiDAR Viewer hosted by Ayres Associates was completed around 3 PM.

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