Marathon County
Land Information Council
Minutes
Friday, December 12, 2014
Employee Resources Conference Room
Courthouse, Wausau, WI

Attendance: Present Not Present Attendance Present Not Present
Jim Seefeldt ....................X Michael Sydow .................X
Lorraine Beyersdorff ........X Jason Plaza ...................X
Linda Schroeder ...............X Gary Hetzer ....................X
Gerry Klein .....................X Emily Pierce ...............X

Others Present: Becky Frisch, Dave Mack, Preston Vande Voort – Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Julie Henrichs – CCIT; Audrey Jensen – Treasurer’s Office; Peter Herreid – Dept. of Administration (DOA) Grant Administrator

1. Call to Order.
Meeting was called to order by Hetzer at 1:00 pm.

2. Approve minutes of January 16, 2013 meeting.
Action: MOTION / SECOND BY PIERCE / SEEFEILDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2013 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Discussion: Peter Herried, DOA Grant Administrator, was introduced and presented information on the implications of Act 20, the Statewide Parcel Initiative, and 2014 WLIP report. Changes resulting from Act 20 included:
- Initiative to create a statewide digital parcel map;
- Increased Base Budget and Training & Education Grant Eligibility;
- Increase in Land Information Fund Revenue;
- Update frequency of county land information plans;
- Penalties and deadlines.

Discussion included:
- Status of Marathon County’s efforts to re-monument corners and correct the county’s parcel maps on a town by town basis utilizing in-house staff and insufficient funds (GPS 1 town/year);
- LiDAR was funded through the County’s Capital Improvement Program and has resulted in a high demand for product from both private (engineering firms) and public entities;
- Rural addressing will be part of the 2016 land records update;
- The County only maintains zoning maps for those towns with county administered zoning;
- Land use maps – a flight is scheduled for 2015 and the County’s comprehensive plan/land use map will be updated by end of 2015;
- On-line land records images available to the public through a subscription;
- Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) maps were submitted to DATCP;
- AEA zoning was worked on in 2014;
- The DOA to create the Act 20 Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map through a coordinated effort with counties and requires counties to submit information to DOA in a standardized format;
  - Need for disclaimer that the statewide parcel map information may contain inaccuracies between the state’s information and county level information;
  - Concern that inquiries would not be directed to the county that maintains the data;
  - Statewide parcel map would have limited attribute layers;
  - 2014 implementation of a statewide parcel layer for broadband with the goal to identify gaps and provide more complete coverage utilizing federal funds;
- Grant and other funding:
  - Act 20 put all WLIP program revenue into a non-lapsing segregated continuing appropriation;
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- Increased annual Training & Education grant funding – from $300 to $1000/county;
- Increase in the Base Budget eligibility threshold – from $50,000 to $100,000;
- Strategic Initiative grant eligibility of $50,000/county beginning in 2016 – if specified benchmarks are met, the County has discretion to use the grant funds for other purposes consistent with its land information plan;
- As of 1/1/15 $7 of each register of deeds document recorded will be sent to DOA which will be returned to counties in the form of grants;
- Recording fees set at $30 for all counties;
- Social security redaction fee – counties can retain the $5 portion and completion of redaction projects allows counties' discretion on expending the funds;

- A draft update to the land records modernization plan will need to be submitted to DOA by 1/1/16;
- DOA will be hiring a GIS administrative officer;
- 2014 WLIP report – completed and submitted on time.

Action: **NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.**
Follow Through: The council will continue to monitor the development of Act 20 and related initiatives.

4. **Land Records System Presentation – Julie Henrichs.**

Discussion: The information available on the land records system was demonstrated and, depending on the department, includes information such as property owner names, legal descriptions, assessments, special assessments, parcel status, zoning, and sanitary permits. When the system is updated, all the information currently in the system would have to be transferred to the new platform. Not all features are available to the public; the public currently cannot search by owner’s name. Surveyors obtain information from CPZ as cost of subscription service outweighs benefits; CPZ only charges for copies. Discuss the possibility of creating a second tier subscription service and the need for statutory charges to recoup costs of the system.

Action: **NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.**
Follow Through: Future discussion topic – second tier subscription service and statutory charges.

5. **Miscellaneous Reports – Digital Orthophotos, Budget, GIS Conversion – Gary Hetzer**

Discussion:
- Digital Orthophotos: The County will be flown in spring 2015 with the Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium (WROC) at 1’ pixels. The flight cost ($150,000) is funded through the County’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Some participating municipalities are being flown at 3”-6” pixels (c Wausau, v Weston and Kronenwetter, parts of Rib Mountain).
- Budget: Approximately $200,000 is in the $6 account and approximately $405,000 is in the $2 account as of December 1st 2014, the $2 account currently funds the GIS coordinator position.
- GIS Conversion: Moving to a virtual server environment, currently doing 2 environments, upgraded ERSI software (latitude projects) and web mapping software. Phase 2 is converting county GIS data, ERSI assisted in plan development. Anticipated completion by end of first quarter 2015.

Action: **NONE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.**
Follow Through: None.

6. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION / SECOND BY KLEIN / PIERCE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:
Gary Hetzer
GIS Coordinator
December 22, 2014
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