

Minutes for the Menominee County GIS Ad Hoc Committee meeting

Date: Monday, February 23, 2015

Location: Stephenson Annex

Time: 10:00 A.M.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M by Equalization Director, Peggy Schroud.
- B. Members present were: Peggy Schroud
 - Diane Lesperance
 - Ray Williams
 - John Anderson
 - Paul Anderson
 - Jan Hafeman
- C. Ray Williams moved and Paul 2nd to approve agenda. Motion carried
- D. No public comment
- E. Business:
 - a. Gary Hoaglund from Cole Engineering gave a presentation explaining the process and benefits of GIS mapping. The parcel count was discussed as to the accuracy of the parcels listed for each unit. There was discussion of how many units have expressed interest in the mapping. John Anderson stated that 11 townships and 1 city are definitely interested. He could not speak for the City of Menominee, nor Menominee, Cedarville, and Holmes Townships because he had not contacted them.
Ray Williams said he knew that Tom from the Back Forty would be willing to help. There was concern whether software used by units that already had their mapping would be able to be converted. Gary stated that most softwares are compatible and did know that the City of Menominee used Auto Cad and that would definitely be able to be converted.
Gary stated that maintenance is \$5,000 per year.
John asked if it would be cheaper for mapping areas that had a lot of Commercial Forest or State land. Gary stated that the cost of mapping those entities is minimal.
 - b. AMAR: Discussion on when Menominee County would be audited. It was stated that Mike Gillette from the State did not know if Menominee County would be included this year. Diane stated that while she was in favor of the mapping it was not required and that it would be another unfunded mandate the State would be putting on us if it was. However the general consensus was that everyone present agreed this was a project that should move forward and would be very beneficial.
 - c. Discussion continued on how this would be paid for. Diane stated that there is money in the PA123 (foreclosure fund) that she would be willing to use toward this project. However, she would like us to look for other funds also since the State may be passing a law which would require the County to pay back profits from the land sales to owners in the future therefore canceling any future profits from this fund. It was also brought up that to we should look for grants. Peggy stated that Mary

Palmer had just put in for a grant that sounded very promising and hopefully could be used towards this project. John also mentioned that we should figure a way to compensate the units that had already paid to have their units mapped. It was also suggested that if the County paid for the majority of the project or grants were found, that the local units should pay for the maintenance on a per parcel fee. Diane stated that she thinks this is how Gogebic does it.

F. Any Other Items Members Wish to Present:

- a. Diane stated that Brian had also invited Jill Schwanz to be on the committee. She was unable to attend today but hopes to be able to be present at the next meeting.

G. Correspondence: None

H. Public Comment: None

I. Adjournment: Ray Williams made the motion, Jan Hafeman 2nd. Motion carried.

Next meeting 10:00 Wednesday, March 4th at the Annex.

Respectively submitted:

Diane Lesperance

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Lesperance".