

Land Information Council

MINUTES

May 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Alton Staff.

Members Present: John Higgins, Shari Marg, Jason Gazdecki, Kristina Page, Alton Staff, Cody Brommerich, Joe Pilkington, Beth Storlie, and Ray Ransom

Next Meeting: To be determined.

A Motion by Shari Marg to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020, seconded by John Higgins. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- V7 Statewide parcel mapping project. V7 submission went very smoothly in March. Received approval of the submission with the updated PLSS data and the first half of the grant has been received.

New Business:

- Cody Brommerich, the County Surveyor, met with Ayres Associates regarding countywide LiDAR collection. In 2022, federal funding is available that will cover 75% of the cost of the flight. Our investment would be \$50,000.00. The State is recommending updating LiDAR data every eight years. Our initial flight was done in 2015, so if we move forward with this update it would fall within the State's recommended timeline. Cody is proposing that the county's portion be covered from grant funds. Cody will meet with Zach Nienow, Ayres Associates in the fall to finalize our participation and sign the letter of intent.

A motion by John Higgins, to recommend the approval to acquire updated LiDAR data, seconded by Kristina Page. Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion occurred regarding if the federal grant funding was competitive and guaranteed. Cody stated its similar to the aerial photography that we will be working with a regional group of counties and Ayres Associates to secure the federal funding.

A motion by John Higgins, to amend the approval for the acquisition of update LiDAR data with the stipulation that federal funding must be received for Jackson County to participate, seconded by Kristina Page. Motion carried unanimously.

- Register of Deeds software acquisition. Shari Marg and Cody Brommerich shared with the committee her need to update software for serving up records online. Shari stated that due to ongoing issues with GCS Software for the Register of Deeds,

she is moving to Fidler software. GCS serves the Treasurer's Office as well and has worked well for them, but the Register of Deeds application has numerous issues and problems that continue to go unchecked or corrected. She shared that daily they receive calls from abstractors that they are not receiving their data from the application and then Shari ends up emailing the documents to them.

Fidler is setting up the software at no cost and they guarantee that she will be making much more money than they are currently receiving. ImageTek, who handles the records management for GCS, is assessing a fee of \$13,000.00 to transfer our existing documents in a format that will migrate into the Fidler software. This is an additional expense not anticipated with the conversion. Shari added that five other counties have migrated from GCS to Fidler in recent months for the same issues.

Jackson County IT is asking that we consider having the vendor address the migration of the data because they are down one person and the vendor will ensure that all data is migrated correctly. ImageTek will send Fidler an export of the data. Upon the completion of the migration, Fidler will host a training session for all staff.

A Motion by John Higgins, to recommend approval to utilize Land Information non-lapsing funds for the acquisition of the Fidler software and the data migration from ImageTek, seconded by Kristina Page. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kristina Page, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Higgins. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

All recommendations and action will be forwarded to the Zoning and Land Information Committee for further action.