

AGENDA

**MCLEAN COUNTY GIS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, May 18th, 2001, 10:30 A.M.**

MCLEAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Review of Minutes from April 20th, 2001 meeting of the McLean County GIS

2. Financial Report

3. Status Report on Major Projects

Hiring Programmer Analyst
Aerial Photography
Data Pricing
Cadastral Mapping
E911 Addressing
Intranet Map Server

4. Specific GIS Applications

5. Priority Tasks

6. Other Items of Business That May Arise

MINUTES

MCLEAN COUNTY GIS COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 20th, 2001, 10:30 A.M. MCLEAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Members Present

George Drye, Director of Engineering and Water - City of Bloomington; Mike Hall, Director of Public Works - Town of Normal; Michael Ireland, Assessor - City of Bloomington Township; Paul Russell, Director - McLean County Regional Planning Commission;.

Members Absent

Bill Gamblin, E911 Administrator - McLean County E-911; Robert Kahman, County Assessor - McLean County; John Mitchell, County Engineer - McLean County Highway Department.

Others Present

Bayo Adanri, Town Planner - Town of Normal; Rob Cranston, Assessor - Normal Township; Phil Dick - County Planner - McLean County; Ken Emmons, Building Safety - City of Bloomington; Kevin Kothe, Information Systems Engineer - City of Bloomington; David Mather, GIS Coordinator - McLean County Regional Planning Commission; Troy Olson, GIS Specialist - McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 10:36 a.m.

2. Administrative Matters

a. Review of the Minutes from the March 16, 2001 meeting of the GIS Committee

No changes to the minutes were noted, minutes were approved.

b. Financial Report

There were no questions regarding the financial report.

3. Status Report on Major Projects

a. Intergovernmental Agreements:

Mr. Mather stated that signed copies of both intergovernmental agreements (“Intergovernmental Agreement for Countywide GIS development and maintenance in McLean County, Illinois” and “Intergovernmental Agreement for Cadastral Map Development As Amended Spring 2001”) had been distributed to the appropriate parties.

b. Hiring Programmer/Analyst

Mr. Mather stated that the Programmer/Analyst position had been advertised on www.gisjobs.com. The position would be advertised for a month. Several resumes had been received throughout the week as a result of the posting. Other resumes were being reviewed as well from postings on GIS jobs related web sites. Mr. Mather stated that most of the candidates were coming straight out of school, with not much work experience. Mr. Russell suggested that Mr. Mather call some of the candidates with relevant questions as a preliminary step towards determining which candidates might be eligible for interviews

c. Aerial Photography

Mr. Mather stated that Jeff Padgett, Project Manager for GRW Aerial Surveys, would be looking at the aerial photography negatives by April 30th, and getting back to us with comments. Mr. Mather stated that he had asked Ruel of CLT to schedule a conference call with Akanda, GRW and Troy Olson in order to coordinate the delivery of the orthophotography from GRW with the cadastral database development by Akanda.

d. Data Pricing

Mr. Mather stated that prices had not yet been finalized. There was an initial meeting to discuss the data pricing issue, and a follow-up meeting had not yet been scheduled. Mr. Mather stated that he was in the process of scheduling a weekly GIS technical committee meeting that would convene every Thursday at 2 PM. This would be a forum for resolving the data pricing issue. Mr. Russell brought up the need for local government CEO's to appoint management committee members, which could in-turn, appoint the technical committee members that would attend the weekly technical committee meetings. Mr. Russell noted that it was unclear who the technical representatives from each local government were. Mr. Kothe noted that this has been a long standing problem, since it was unclear who the management and technical committee members for McLean County should be. Mr. Dick stated that the county had not chosen to appoint a tech committee representative at this time. Several committee members brought up the need to standardize zoning classifications among the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and the County.

e. Cadastral Mapping

Mr. Olson showed a map depicting the current status of parcel deliveries. He stated that 6200 parcels had been received and approved recently, and 2800 parcels had been received but were in the QC checking phase prior to approval. The deliveries from Akanda were about two weeks behind schedule, but should be back on schedule by the time Normal parcels begin to be placed. Akanda had recently added some more technicians to this project to help with parcel placement. Mr. Emmons inquired as to when the creation of a zoning map could begin. Mr. Kothe stated that work could begin now with what we have currently received for Bloomington. There are two sides to this issue, one, simply data development, and two, an application to display the parcel zoning. Mr. Kothe stated that

the model for how to represent zoning in our database is yet to be worked out but could be developed with Bloomington as a pilot project.

f. E911 Addressing

Mr. Kothe stated that incorrect addresses in the database for Bloomington-Normal were still being dealt with. Addresses for the building layer, however, are coming along well. There are about 30,000 building addresses completed for our database. There are no new updates for the E-911 project at this time.

g. Intranet Map Server

Mr. Mather stated that the server was running in the office and he was working on some preliminary address matching with ArcIMS. After meeting with Jason Grootens at ILGISA, some technical details were cleared up. The Planning Commission is still waiting for fiber optic cable to be run into the office. Mr. Drye stated that he thought the fiber should still be run in, but he would ask Mr. Tom Hamilton's opinion of the matter. Mr. Mather favored bringing in the fiber because with a year of work we may be ready to serve maps to the Internet. Mr. Kothe stated that one alternative to bringing fiber into the regional planning commission would be to locate the server in a different office that was already on the Intranet such as Mike Ireland's office.

h. Subscription Process

Mr. Mather stated that Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners had decided to become a GIS subscriber, and that discussion had also taken place with Unit 5 Schools regarding a subscription as well. Once the data pricing issue is resolved it will make it easier to determine subscription costs. Mr. Russell stated that he saw Unit 5 Schools as a potential full partner at some point in the future. Mr. Ireland stated that groups working on redevelopment with the central business district might be interested in subscribing.

5. Specific GIS Applications

No new applications were brought up for discussion.

6. Priority Tasks

Mr. Mather handed out a list of priority tasks. He stated that our priorities at this time are:

1. Hiring GIS/Programmer Analyst
2. Cadastral Project
3. County Map Atlas
4. Aerial Photography
5. ArcIMS/Intranet
6. Data Product Pricing
7. E-911

Mr. Kothe stated that the County map book could be a replacement for the Sidwell books. It could be developed not just for the parcels, but also for other layers in our database. He stated that the fire and police departments among others would be particularly interested in this product.

7. Other Items of Business That May Arise

There were no other items of business brought before the committee.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GIS Committee will be held on Friday, May 18, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at the McLean County Highway Department.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Mather,
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