



Tippecanoe County GIS Policy Committee Meeting April 26, 2007

The GIS Policy Committee members met Monday March 26th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the Tippecanoe County Office Building. Mr. Steve Murray called the meeting to order.

County Employees present

Surveyor Director Steve Murray, County Commissioner KD Benson, Highway Director Opal Kuhl GIS Administrator Mark Ehle, APC Director Sallie Fahey, Council member Betty Michaels, Kevin Underwood, MITS Director Diane Hawkins, County Auditor Jennifer Weston, Cinde Shockey recording secretary.

Agenda

- 1. Discussion of MicroStation to ESRI GIS conversion proposals.**
- 2. Discussion of GIS Policy Committee membership**

1.

Steve asks Mark to begin by addressing the policy members with current information pertaining to the conversion process. Mark spoke to both Sidwell and Schneider and has proposals from both. The proposals include converting the data, catching up the parcel backlog, and providing training for the new product. Mark has handed out a copy of the proposal to the policy committee members. There is a significant difference in price. Mark believes this is due to experience. He thinks Sidwell is more experienced in performing the conversion. Sidwell is also willing to include training in their proposal and we can have as many people in the training sessions as we feel comfortable with. Schneider has not included the training in their proposal. Mark also likes the tools included in the Sidwell quote. Steve agrees with Mark. Sidwell has performed this conversion process many times and they should be very efficient at the process. Diane has about 50% of the total cost for the conversion. Opal believes she can come up with a portion of the funding. She thinks Sallie may also be able to come up with some of the funding. Diane would like for the Auditor to pick up the cost for the parcel maintenance since it would benefit that office directly. KD thinks we may be able to pull together the other 50%. Diane would also have to cover the software maintenance expense but GIS can cover this. This project will require a minimum of 3 months to complete. During this 3 months training will be given to the employees. We will also be adding 6 ArcView licenses and keep 2 MicroStation licenses so old projects can be accessed until everything is converted. Parcel builder would be used specifically by the Auditor's office to maintain the parcel data and 5 licenses are included in the quote.

2.

Steve would like to expand the invitation list for the upcoming meeting so we can inform everyone who may be affected by the software change, and keep them informed of the progress of the conversion project. The county librarian has not been attending the meetings for some time and should probably be removed. KD would like to include the Building Commission.

Others:

Discussion moves towards purchase of new Orthos. Steve would like new contours with the next orthos since those have not been updated since 2002. Diane does not believe the state will attempt to fly the whole state again. She will try to get some ballpark figures from vendors so we can possibly budget for 2008.