



## Lafayette County Land Information

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### MINUTES

MEETING OF THE LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL  
LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 202  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 3:00 PM

#### Call to Order

The meeting of the Land Information Council meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Jack Wiegel. Members present were: Aulik, Bartels, Boll, Burgess, Jean, Loeffelholz, Maurer, & Paulson. Others present: Aaron Austin-Austin Engineering, Chris Colney – SWWRPC, Brian Lund – Republican Journal.  
Absent: Garthwaite, Taylor, Schmit

#### Proof of Proper Posting

Aulik stated that the agenda was posted in the USDA Service Center, by the County Clerk's Office, the Darlington Municipal Building, on the Lafayette County Webpage; and was sent to the press.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Bartels, Seconded by Aulik. Motion Carried.

#### Approval of Minutes from 4/6/2016

Motion by Aulik, Seconded by Paulson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment

None

#### GIS/Real Property Lister Report

Aulik demoed the new County mapping website for the Council. She explained that it was still being “tweaked” but at this time the site was being use by the public. Aulik also showed a couple of other counties’ mapping sites and explained some things that Lafayette County is not able to show or display due to our current land records system. Aulik also demoed a septic pumping site she created for Zoning and explained that numerous sites could be made available to the public to satisfy different applications. One she is working on is for survey tiesheets. Other future possibilities could be an interactive trails and tourism site and/or internal applications for other departments.



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Aulik updated the Council on the current status of the Statewide Land Information plan. A second draft has come out that reinstates funding for PLSS Remonumentation in 2018, but also adds additional parcel and data sharing requirements. Aulik explained that it took her over a week of straight conversion time to submit the parcel information required for this year's Strategic Initiative grant—again this is related to our out dated land records system. As the State continues to move forward, more and more digital parcel/GIS/zoning information will be required to be submitted. Aulik also mentioned that because real estate transactions are down statewide, that recording fees are also down, and therefore the DOA is only projecting for \$40K Strategic Initiative grants. Aulik will keep the Council abreast of any changes with the Draft Plan.

### Second Remonumentation Selection.

Aulik stated that she received bids on the second remonumentation project (for another 74 section corners) from both Austin Engineering and Delta 3. Delta 3's bid came in at \$18,500 and Austin's was at \$17,200.

Motion by Burgess, seconded by Loeffelholz to select Austin Engineering for the Second Remonumentation project. Motion Carried.

Aulik stated that there will most likely be some funds left to expand the current projects into adjacent sections, or to acquire the Green County Line, as Green County is currently bidding out their complete County Line. She will keep the Council updated on any developments.

### Realtor Recommendation

Aulik explained that it is required to have a local realtor on the Land Information Council. Former County Board member, Zeke Garthwaite was also a realtor, therefore he fulfilled both requirements. Aulik stated that Garthwaite was still interested in serving on the Council, but the Council could also recommend another local realtor at this time.

Motion by Jean, second by Burgess to recommend Zeke Garthwaite's appointment as the Land Information Council Realtor on to the County Board Chairman. Motion Carried.

### Surveyor Recommendation & Surveyor Contract

This is continued discussion from the last few months to appoint a county surveyor due to Larry Schmit's retirement. Aulik reminded the Council that at the last meeting, Aaron Austin had been interested in the position. Aulik and Paulson were able to meet with Austin and discuss what sort of duties they would like the County Surveyor to perform.



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These duties were then put into a contract (available from Land Info). The contract also included pay of \$200/month, which Aulik stated she had the funding for through this year, and would budget for with grant money next year.

One of the duties would be to assist in the drafting of future RFP projects. Burgess questioned if this would be a conflict of interest if Austin would be bidding on the project himself. Aulik explained it would be only to assist with technical language on the contract and if Austin's firm, Austin Engineering, would be bidding on future projects, Austin would abstain from voting on the bid. Aulik also explained that several other counties allow their County Surveyor to bid on projects. Also, the contract for County Surveyor would be to Aaron Austin, himself, while project bids would be with his company.

Motion by Burgess, second by Maurer to recommend Aaron Austin's appointment as the Lafayette County Surveyor on to the County Board Chairman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Burgess, second by Loeffelholz to approve the County Surveyor Contract with Aaron Austin, pending his appointment by the County Board Chairman. Motion carried.

### SWWRPC Report

Colney updated the Council on regional planning activities. These include bidding on the Green County plat book, continuing to work on Lafayette County Farmland Preservation, and assisting with the Statewide parcel submittal for Grant County. RPC has also reached out to the State Cartographer and Dept of Administration regarding the needs of rural counties. Both agencies will be attending the next Regional GIS Forum in June.

### Future Agenda Items

Continued planning for Land Records System upgrade  
Appointment of Council Chair & Vice Chair

### Next Meeting Date

June 1, 2016 @ 3:00 pm

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Burgess, seconded by Garthwaite. Motion carried.

Time: 4:10 pm