

JOINT LAND RECORDS & LAND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 September 11, 2012
 Oneida County Courthouse
 Second Floor – Committee Room #2
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501
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Council Members	Denny Thompson	Ted Cushing
Kris Ostermann	Tom Leighton - Kyle Franson	Lynn Freimuth
Ken Kortenhof	Mike Romportl	Jimmy Rein

Call to Order.

Cushing called meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at 10:03 a.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. All committee members were present with the exception of Kortenhof. Thompson, Chair of Land Records Committee, indicated that this is a joint meeting with Land Council and the agenda items for the Land Council will take place first followed by the remaining items for the Land Records Committee.

Introduction of Land Council members, selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Romportl informed those in attendance of the formation of the Land Council and that the members appointed by County Board Chair, Ted Cushing are the register of deeds (Leighton), the treasurer (Ostermann), the real property lister (Freimuth), a member of the County Board (Thompson), representative of the land information office (Romportl), a realtor (Cushing), an emergency communications representative (Kortenhof) and a registered professional land surveyor (Rein). Romportl reviewed the duties of the Land Council members and indicated that the members would continue planning on meeting once a year probably in June as in the past.

Motion/Cushing/Thompson to nominate Jimmy Rein as the Land Council Chair which is vacant because Gary Baier is no longer on the committee. All Ayes.

Motion/Rein/Thompson to nominate Ted Cushing to remain as the Land Council Vice-Chair. All ayes.

Motion/Rein/Thompson to approve minutes from last meeting June 14, 2011. All ayes.

The Land Council Staff members provided the following activities, plans and future recommendations for each of their offices.

Romportl explained the need for elevations throughout the county (LIDAR) and how those elevations can be used by different offices such as the Planning and Zoning office for flood plain maps, the Forestry office to help determine slopes for creating any new trails, Dept of Transportation to provide precise elevations for their existing monuments used for the Wisconsin Height Modernization program; parcel mapping and GIS continue to demand our continual attention. Romportl indicated the cost to obtain elevation using the technology known as LIDAR has come down and could cost approximately \$250,000 - \$350,000 for the County. The program that is used for PVWeb which is what the county's website uses will need to be replaced in a year or so.

Franson explained their immediate attention to changing the program and/or company that provides assistant to the Register of Deeds for their recording fees and the tracking of documents. The fees received are split up between different accounts both here on the county level and at the state level. Leighton explained to those present the current fee structure and the purpose for each. The switch from the current company and program will cost approximately \$200,000.

Freimuth explained that the tax listing currently uses the AS400 system and the data we house is used by many other offices that use a window based system so eventually our system will need to be changed to work better for more users.

Ostermann stated that the Treasurer's office is a big user of all of the information provided by the other offices. The main thing that her office needs is a newer and faster public computer terminal. She would like to provide the tax rolls in a PDF format but can not do so because the existing public computer is too slow to use for them. It is several years old and does need to be replaced in addition to the printer where the users requested printouts would be provided.

Rein felt it is very important to have new aerial photography, the PLSS system tied in with the county parcel mapping and continuation of obtaining GPS coordinates on the section, $\frac{1}{4}$ and other land corners. He also added that acquisition of county-wide elevation data would be a huge benefit to the County and its users such as surveyors.

Romportl explained the current land records fee structure and indicated that since the WI Land Information Program began it has been Oneida County Land Records and Finance Committee recommendation to save land records fees for large land records projects such as the elevation project so that the levy would not be affected; however, Romportl will look into the possibility of different entities willing to share in the cost in order to obtain new elevations throughout the county that could also benefit them. See attached for balances and projected expenditures of the Land Records accounts.

The Council continues to be pleased with the cooperation amongst county departments and the progress the County continues to make in modernizing the County's Land Records and data provided to the public.

Motion/Cushing/Thompson to adjourn the Land Council Meeting at 10:55 a.m. All ayes.

Jimmy Rein
Land Council Chair