

**FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SPECIAL “GIS” MEETING**

January 22, 2003, 9:07A.M. E.S.T., Assembly Room of the Fulton County Office Building.

Meeting Called To Order:

Richard A. Powell called this meeting to order. Commissioners present were Richard A. Powell, Roger D. Rose and Leslie R. Walters; also, County Auditor Denise J. Bonnell.

The Commissioners approved and signed the following County Funding Agreements:

Four County Mental Health	\$79,322.28
Fulton County Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00
Citizens Cemetery	\$ 6,500.00
VFW	\$ 600.00

Rich stated this meeting was called to discuss and bring us up to date on GIS. He called on County Assessor, Sandy Owens.

Sandy had prepared a “GIS” Time Line Schedule, from the beginning. She handed copies to all then began explaining as follows:

The discussion began in the Spring of 1998. Sidwell made a survey of all Office Holders of their mapping needs.

The Summer of 1998, Sidwell made a presentation to the County of their needs assessment of GIS. She said this was looked over, but nothing more was done.

The Spring of 1999, a decision was made to Accepts Bids for the work and Schneider Corporation was hired. Sandy said it was then decided to do a full-blown Community Assessment with the GIS Committee that was formed. Committee Meetings were held from Spring until Fall. In November of 1999 the final assessment was received from Schneider and the GIS Committee as to what the Community needed: County offices, City Offices, REMC, RTC, etc., in the Community and what they could use it for.

In the Spring of 2000, Sandy stated she was informed they were flying the City and should the County be done at this time. Sandy said they found the cost to be under ten thousand dollars and she stated the Commissioners said we would do it; and that was done. Again, that was it, noting else done.

In the Fall of 2001, Rob Bryant told Sandy he could use the maps digitized, so, again the Commissioners were asked and with their approval the maps were digitized. In December of 2001 the Grant was awarded from the Community Foundation and a Pilot Project was started with Rochester City and that was completed sometime in the Spring of 2002.

In the Fall of 2002 the Soil ID's were Digitized from USDA. That brings it to the present.

The cost to date was discussed and it was noted \$174,000.00 had been spent, add to that \$24,000.00 & \$20,000.00 and that is the figure to date. The discussion continued.

It was noted the County is now ready to select a Vendor to define the parcels and put it altogether. Rich asked, if at this time are we pretty close to knowing what the cost will be? Sandy said, yes. Auditor, Denise had a May 24th, 2002 overall cost, creation and cost comparison, the two companies with their cost comparisons, and their totals to date and the balance it would take to fulfill that obligation. There was a discussion as to the possibility of using only one company, which was preferable to all.

Roger felt a decision should be made on how this should be resolved? Does the Committee want to make a recommendation or do you want the Commissioners to make the decision? It was agreed that one software package instead of two would be the best for the County. The Mayor said he believes the City will continue with the WTH Company. Sandy was asked would WTH work for her office and she replied, yes. Denise said she had no problem going with WTH because it is user friendly. She prefers just one software package; also, the City, Police and 911 are already using WTH and she would go along with that, if that were the one everyone agrees on. Roger concluded by asking is there a consensus that the recommendation is given to the Commissioners that we go with WTH. All agreed.

Roger Rose made a motion to adjourn. Leslie Walters seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Powell

Roger D. Rose

Leslie R. Walters

Attest: _____
Denise J. Bonnell County Auditor