

**Marshall County Board of Supervisors
Special Session May 29, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The Board met in special session on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in meeting room #2, Courthouse, 3rd Floor, NE corner with all 3 members present.

1. Approval or Amendment of Agenda—

Motion by Thompson, second by Adams to approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote:	Thompson-Aye	Grabenbauer-Aye	Adams-Aye
	Member	Chairman	Vice Chairman

Consent Agenda:

2. Approve Minutes--from Special Session of May 15, 2012.

Motion by Adams, second by to approve the consent agenda as printed above.

Roll call vote:	Thompson-Aye	Grabenbauer-Aye	Adams-Aye
	Member	Chairman	Vice Chairman

3. I.T. Department Salaries--Discussion and possible action on salaries in I.T. Dept.

Discussion only, no action was taken. There are currently 2 open positions in the IT department and Scott reported that he is having difficulty getting applications for the 1st position and he believes that it is because of the salary being offered. The 2nd position became vacant because employee left for more money. Scott believes that the salaries of his department as a whole are below industry standards. The IT department serves other county offices, his ability to staff the IT department effects the county as a whole. A fully staffed development staff is able to save County money. Scott pointed out that if he raises salaries for new employees to the top of the current salary structure that it would require board action to increase his budget.

Motion by_____, second by_____to_____.

Roll call vote:	Thompson-	Grabenbauer-	Adams-
	Member	Chairman	Vice Chairman

4. Authorize Lease-Purchase Agreement—Discussion and possible action to authorize the terms of the Lease-Purchase Agreement for Sheriff's vehicles. The public hearing was held on February 14, 2012 regarding these purchases.

Motion by Thompson, second by Grabenbauer to approve the terms of the Lease-Purchase Agreement for Sheriff's vehicles and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll call vote:	Thompson-Aye	Grabebauer-Aye	Adams-Aye
	Member	Chairman	Vice Chairman

5. Discussion Item-GIS Sharing –

Wayne outlined his discussion with Boone County last week. Explained that Boone does not have a centralized GIS department like Marshall County does.

Brent Port with CGA spoke about how his office uses GIS and how GIS benefits his clients. Flood plain map work is going on currently and they need the GIS information. He stated that his company does pay for the services that they use. He also made a point that he was just one of 8 project managers for CGA and that he was speaking for himself.

Eric Bidwell – local attorney has concerns about looking at this from a money viewpoint only. He feels like efficiency may suffer if GIS is downsized. Cautioned that serving as a big brother for Boone county does not benefit Marshall County.

Brad Rutherford – local attorney stated what an important service GIS provides to taxpayers. He felt that in a sharing agreement with Boone County, that Boone County would win and that Marshall County would loose.

Dawn Williams – Auditor and Recorder gave an overview of county real estate functions and how all departments are integrated. Efficiencies gained by integration can directly be tied to a savings of 8 full time real estate positions throughout the various departments that have code specified real estate duties. Stated that we have integrated to a level that it would be difficult to anticipate all of the consequences that a downsized GIS department would cause.

Scott Williams – IT Director said that GIS is the “glue” that holds the different software platforms together and re-emphasized how much other departments rely on GIS data. Also pointed out that if Wayne is absent, that Melanie will have to perform his duties, which would limit the amount of time that she has to serve taxpayers at the level that we currently do. Scott also said that if the BOS would use the salary saved by implementing a sharing agreement with Boone County to hire a new GIS person, taking GIS from 2 to 2 1/2 persons that this could be a winning proposition for all.

Jarret Heil – Marshall County Treasurer said that we’ve just scratched the surface and that we need more in-depth information.

1. Does it save money?
2. Do we loose productivity
3. Does this prepare Marshall County for continuation after Wayne retires.

Whitney Hunt – Assistant Auditor and Recorder, Real Estate Division. Downsizing GIS will specifically affect how we do divisions and surveys. These are code mandated duties of the Auditor’s office that GIS actually performs for the Auditor’s office.

John Kunc – Zoning, Sanitarian and Weed Commissioner relayed that all 3 of his departments use GIS extensively. Flood maps, GPS septic systems and weed mapping all benefits taxpayers and his department.

Craig Madill – County Assessor said that a state mandate will affect how he does AgLand valuations. He expects a short turnaround time and GIS will be key to helping him meet the state mandates. Craig also spoke to the need for the Board to support the IT department.

6. Public Forum— Supervisor Grabenbauer commented that it is the Board’s job to be constantly working on the budget and working on cost savings.

7. Adjournment--The next special session is June 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. All business to be acted upon at that session should be submitted to the County Auditor and Recorder’s Office or the Board of Supervisors’ Office by Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Denny Grabenbauer
Board of Supervisors, Chairman

Attest:

Dawn Williams
Marshall County
Auditor and Recorder