

GREEN COUNTY LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL
County Board Room
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:30 AM

Those present were as follows: Richard Thoman, Rob Sommers, Nick Hartwig, Hans Justeson, Tonya Gratz, Mason Jarosinski, Adam Wiegel, Melissa Even, Sam Wilke, Melissa Thompson, RoAnn Warden, Deanna Miller, Emily Sauer, and Jayne Butts. Cody Kanable & Mark Gundlach were absent.

Meeting was called to order at 8:35am.

Miller moved to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2025 meeting, Even seconded. Motion passed.

Sommers gave an update on **land information projects** including: the county network incident; the T Tech, & GIS migrations; the PLSS project is about ½ complete; Next Gen 911 status; and Maintaining parcel/CSM mapping. New projects in motion are: Topology -for ward mapping/voting and a possible Highway Assets map that may become a regional project with SWWRPC.

Sommers gave an overview of the **2026 Land Records Budget**, noting larger changes including: IT costs now transferred to the IT Department; PLSS may have minor changes to accommodate a highway project; and going back to the procedure of giving money to Section Corners. We continue to see a reduction in state grant money and therefore a request for \$19.751 from the tax levy is included on this budget. Sommers noted other county departments including Land Conservation, Zoning, Treasurer, Highway, Sheriff, and Register of Deeds are in support of Land Records requesting levy funds. Even moved to accept the Land Records Budget as presented and Wilke seconded. Motion passed.

Sommers presented the **2026 Section Corners Budget**, noting no increase to the levy as in previous years. Even moved, Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Sommers presented a DRAFT policy for the county Land Records/Treasury Department for **ACT 235 Judicial Privacy Law**. Green County has not seen any requests so far. The process for this law is still being finalized per statute. The process presented gives a path for Land Records to follow in the event of a form being presented. Butts expressed concern without a “designated officer”, the policy feels a little incomplete. (Designated Officer is defined as the highest elected officer) Sommers noted per conversations with Corporation Counsel, to remove the designated officer wording, and put in a statement to say “a copy of the completed form will be forwarded to Corporation Counsel for review.” In ASCENT, names would be marked “private”—from the GIS side, it would say “null”. Addresses can still be on 911 and mapped parcel sites. Plat books were discussed and appear to still have unanswered questions around selling them. We will continue to purchase small quantities to sell in case more information is resolved. Even noted “policy vs procedure” information, noting a procedure just determines how we are going to do it. Wilke moved to approve the ACT 235 Judicial Privacy Law Policy, Miller seconded. Evens opposed.

Act 7 Shielding for elected officials – Sommers noted at this time, details are a little unclear and recommended holding off on this issue.

Disturbed PLSS Monument Markers – Sommers discussed monument markers that were disturbed by possible landowners, based on surveyor information. Because the burden of proof was incomplete, letters were written to the landowners as an educational tool, stating statutorily the markers need to remain in place. Justeson noted this procedure remain in place rather than trying to collect funds on a first offense. Suggestion was also made to have town clerks include marker information in their newsletters, since many people may not even know what they are and the statutes in place to protect them.

Real Estate Transfer Fee Revenue was discussed as not much has changed regarding this plan. If the legislators make proposed changes to this process, it could result in money to support county Land Records Departments. A possible resolution may be created for counties to support the proposed changes, however, at this time, nothing is in place.

Survey Outlots on town roads—Discussion continues on survey outlots, with no immediate answers in place at this time. Corporation Counsel does not feel this is an issue that can be resolved with a zoning ordinance, as many of these are pre-existing spots. Continued questions are asked of townships taking over the outlots, however, some townships do not want the responsibility. Follow up will continue.

The next meeting date was set for December 8 or December 9 at 8:30am.

Motion by Butts, second by Wilke to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

*Submitted by:
Jayne Butts, Green County Treasurer*