

MEETING MINUTES

DEKALB COUNTY/CITY OF AUBURN GIS COMMITTEE

Meeting Date and Time:
04-09-99 @ 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Type: Special, Full Committee

Meeting Location:
Commissioners Court

Members Present:

DeKalb County:
Damerall, Bruce – Technical Resource Coordinator, Data Processing
Gerig, Mike – County Councilman
Appleman, Chad – Soil and Water Conservation Service
Miles, Connie – County Commissioners
Stump, Brad – Building Commissioner, Plan Commission

City of Auburn:
Bowles, Scott – Information Technology Technical Committee Chair
Schweitzer, Chris – Planner, Dept of Building, Planning, and Development

Others Present:

Pat Rothenhofer – Data Processing

Meeting Minutes By:

Chris Schweitzer

Items Discussed

1. This special meeting was called to begin discussion about the GIS software selection process and the participating members thoughts of the Statements of Information received from Intergraph, ESRI, and Bentley.
2. The members discussed the business approaches/issues of the companies, as well as the technical approaches/issues of the companies.
3. The Committee agreed Bentley systems was a CADD approach and was not to be further pursued. Either Intergraph or ESRI would be implemented in DeKalb County/City of Auburn government.
4. Chris noted knowledge gained over the past several months has turned his sights away from Intergraph and towards ESRI, for many reasons. The Committee discussed the following:
 - 4.1. ESRI is privately owned. Intergraph is publicly owned.
 - 4.2. The City of Auburn has gone through 6 Intergraph reps in the last 8 months. OUCH.
 - 4.3. ESRI's only business is GIS. Intergraph has many focuses.
 - 4.4. ESRI's user base appears to be extensive. Intergraph's user base, if large, is not advertised.
 - 4.5. ESRI communicates well with its users through publications, user conferences, and "virtual campus". Intergraph communicates through very few mediums, if any.
 - 4.6. Local Intergraph installations are large, mature. Local ESRI installations are smaller.
 - 4.7. ESRI toolbox appears much more mature and extended to the desktop than Intergraph.
 - 4.8. ESRI is unifying its software family interface and pushing spatial warehousing in RDBMS. Intergraph is pushing one product and also driving the use of RDBMS for spatial storage.
5. Chris noted he had spoken with Mike Klepper of ESRI about a possible visit. The Committee agreed to have Mike Klepper visit for a one-on-one interview and dialogue, much like the Committee had done with Intergraph previously.
6. Chris proposed the Committee attend an ESRI Digital City Seminar (free) in Columbus, OH April 29th. Mike Klepper said the Seminar would provide great background.

Action Items

1. Chris to set up visit with Mike Klepper (ESRI).

Upcoming Meetings

- 04-15-99
- 05-06-99