## County GIS Professionals Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

### July 5, 2023, 1:30 PM

**Attendees**: Seth Kerr (Jefferson), Kara Shindle (Franklin), Daniel Reese (Luzerne), Mike Sage (CCAP), Tim Murphy (Columbia), Garrett McKinney (Lycoming), Sean McLaughlin (Mercer), Steve Rinker (Monroe), Mike Baker (Erie), Leah Smith (Clarion), Nick Barger (Centre)

1. **Welcome & Introductions** 
   1. No comments on prior meeting minutes
2. **Association Business:**
   1. **Finance/Treasurer’s (Tim):**
      1. 64 invoiced, 27 counties paid dues, 37 outstanding
      2. Current balance of $5,400.00, $3,234.52 for total expenses, with a balance of $2,165.48
      3. We believe there are more paid, but we have not received an updated report
      4. Are we allowed to have a list of Counties?
         1. Mike to follow up to see if CCAP financial staff will let us have access to the list
      5. Surplus funds – see training section for more details
   2. **Membership (Seth):**
      * 1. Megan Birch stepping down as Vice President of GIS Professionals
           1. We need to fulfill the VP position via board appointment of an individual for remainder of term, and then standard voting process will apply at normal time
           2. Let a board officer know if you have a suggestion
        2. Membership meeting reminder for July 10, 2023
           1. Board please reach out and reminder constituent counties to RSVP
           2. Pros Contact List Update

All but 1 county have not responded

Will be used for updating website logins, listserv, contact list for state agencies, etc.

* 1. **NG911 GIS Pros Subcommittee (Sean):**
     + 1. June 15 – PEMA / NG911 working group, as of the 19th of April, western & central PEMA aerials are completed & in the QA/QC process Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, and west of them were including
       2. GIS HUB unacceptable value check was intro in April 23 (takes out spaces)
          1. Potential issue from people using shapefiles or exporting from Geodata Hub
          2. PSAPS can use enterprise geodatabase
          3. Shapefiles can’t handle NULLs
          4. Potential involves LGIM schema & attribute assistance usage
          5. Noticed by vendors & other counties
       3. Extensive review of best practices guide & strategic plan in progress
       4. Working on updating the NG911 strategic plan & the 911 program
       5. Keystone 9/13 wed – fri conference
       6. Inventory of how counties are maintaining data
       7. ComTech ALI DBMS users meeting was 06/16th talking about updated version of ComTech solution, expect Q3 release mid-July / early August
       8. Start page with quick links
       9. MSAG & ALI reports
       10. House # suffix being added to ALI dr screen
       11. Be able to use parity as search delimiter discovered by Westermoreland county in discrepancy requests
       12. Warning prompt will be added, because it can permanently affect certain settings
       13. Search by status bug fixed
       14. Next ComTech LDP users group look out for invite for 9/15/23 - (Friday) last day of keystone NENA conference
           1. Some issues with people not getting actual invite information, just reminders
           2. Very useful, other state users in the group
           3. Lots of questions for end users to contribute feedback
       15. Justin met with Sean this morning & Sean received notes & documents
       16. Sean needs to restart NG911 subcommittee for providing feedback to GeoComm from more quiet counties to have subcommittee
       17. Question/ Seth – has there been discussion of a tool for counties to customize or effectively map fields?
  2. **Geoboard (Seth):**
     1. Update at membership meeting next Monday
     2. No recent updates
  3. **Legislation (Mike):**
     1. NTIA posted out award amounts for each state related to Broadband funding
        1. PA slated to get $1.16 billion dollars for BEAD funding
        2. Rolling out for grant & sub grant programs
     2. PA Broadband Development Authority & others like NTIA, CCAP, hosting hybrid conference in state college
        1. [Internet for All](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/internet-for-all-connecting-the-commonwealth-of-pennsylvania-tickets-638179119927)
        2. Broadband conference
        3. CCAP encouraging attendance from County Commissioner, IT, GIS people, etc.
     3. Penn State pulling address data to create more effective broadband map compared to FCC
     4. Seth either sent out email or can send out email to Pros
     5. Please respond
     6. FCC released 3rd round of maps – if you signed up, Lehigh saw improvements in some areas, but still have issues in others
     7. State budget – ½ way through – don’t have one but moving forward slowly
        1. 1 week to 1 month estimated for approval
     8. CCAP continues to push hard on 911 reauthorization
        1. Are hearing some legislators wanting to remove from legislative process and proceeding in fall
           1. Concerning since it has to happen by January
        2. 988 funding was separated from 911 funding
        3. Pushing for a $2.30 surcharge for 911, last draft update was $1.97 – incudes CPI
        4. What is portion of legislators leaning towards pushing to Fall?
           1. One specific party wants to move it to “not muddy waters”
           2. Biggest concern is they don’t want it to be a factor on why state budget does not get pass
           3. Issue is that houses go on recess after budget passed, & we could lose momentum/messaging
        5. Jeff Boyle has taken Deputy Secretary role in PEMA – still involved in 911.
        6. Dauphin Co emergency management director will be taking over Jeff Boyle’s position as executive deputy over 911 at end of the month
     9. Language of reauthorization of 911 bill – includes municipal mapping requirements
        1. Municipalities must supply mapping data to another party
        2. Mike will dig up wording & send it over
  4. Give counties more ability to assign addressing
     1. Would like to see this wording
  5. **Land Records:**
     1. Working group task force meeting in Harrisburg
     2. Meeting with Scottie
  6. **Training:**
     1. Spoke with Drew from ESRI
        1. Challenging to put together in-person instructor training
        2. Maybe a few work arounds
           1. We can invite guest speakers
           2. Organize a training that meets a need
           3. We cannot control whomever is in a room
           4. Potential for 3rd party route

Some companies will do it for reduced cost to get their name out

* + - * 1. Drew suggested experience builder training as it will be significantly relevant
        2. Other idea – would ESRI be willing to reduce training cost when it comes to trainings like NW GIS Conference, especially if it is located at university to leverage training
      1. Lottery – we could try and do a lottery and put together a survey about what people would find most valuable
      2. We could do a lottery stretch that money to cover % of a given training, and then have a county cover other cost
      3. Help reduce financial burden of training
      4. Increase dues
         1. Would require vote
         2. Maybe change it based on county class size
      5. Sponsor UC
      6. UC skillset, new idea, or plan
         1. Kara & Mike Baker are going from the board
      7. Interest in list of attending counties, justification or benefits
    1. Other ideas
       1. Experience Builder (Kara)
       2. Webhooks (Potter & Franklin)
       3. Stress Management / Self-care for GIS Professional
       4. Tabletop exercises
       5. Metrics / ROI
       6. Replacing classic storymaps
       7. 3D Basemap Buildings - 911 coming
       8. Hub Premium – expanding resources (Franklin)
    2. Is there a way to do a joint training with ESRI?
    3. QGIS trainer we can hire?
  1. **Visioning**
     1. Strategic planning at July meeting on Monday
     2. Some homework / critical thinking – Mike is sending it out this afternoon
     3. SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) take time to review & write down notes / thoughts
  2. **SURE Modernization:**
     1. No updates
  3. **Open Discussion/Other Items:**
     1. No updates