



SAVANNAH AREA GEORGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Summary Minutes
Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting
February 15, 2022
9:08 A.M.

	Representing	Present
G. Holmes Bell	Hussey, Gay, Bell	X
James J. Collins, III	Resident at Large	X
Jay Melder	City of Savannah	Absent
Lee Smith	Chatham County	Absent
Brad Trower	St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital System	Absent
Russ Clark	Georgia Tech – Savannah	X
Voting Member Alternative		
Tim Moody	City of Savannah	Absent
Suzanne Cooler	Chatham County	Absent
Others Present		
Jason Edenfield	Savannah/Hilton Head Airport	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X
Pamela Wilson, Esq.	MPC	X
Lara Hall	MPC	X
Mary E. Mitchell	MPC	X

Welcome

Ms. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

1) Action Items

Approval of Minutes

Action on the Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021 will be held at the May 10, 2022, meeting as a quorum was not present.

2) Report Items

A. Budget Report

Ms. Hall stated that the budget report for the period ending December 31, 2021 is pending due to some outstanding items. The good news is that for the first time in several years they have a surplus, partly because of being fully funded by the City and County, as well as some positions were vacant. Therefore, this resulted in additional savings in fringe benefit and in indirect cost.

Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

B. SAGIS Server Upgrade

Ms. Hall reported that SAGIS purchased a new server complex, funded by Chatham County and the City of Savannah, to replace our existing three servers, and added capacity with a fourth server.

- The physical equipment is installed with the system architecture built with Esri Enterprise 10.9.
- All map services are now available on the new servers.
- Staff is coordinating with County and City departments to identify and troubleshoot issues with 3rd party applications.

Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

C. Imagery/LiDAR Acquisition

Ms. Hall explained that SAGIS signed contracts for LiDAR acquisition in 2019 and Pictometry in 2020.

LiDAR 2019

- All flights completed in April 2019; however, product delivery has been severely delayed for multiple reasons including COVID.

- Chatham County is in Block 11, with initial delivery for QA/QC dated December 7, 2020.
- Latest update on 2/7 states: *Hard drive expected to be delivered to Hunter Key with the Coastal Regional Commission by the end of February.*

Pictometry 2020 and future Imagery Projects

- Pictometry completed in 2020; aerial imagery last flown in 2018.
- Funding sources needed for Pictometry contract in 2022/23.
- Estimated cost for 2023 will be the same or less than 2020.

Ms. Hall stated when the numbers are available, she will give them to the Board. She entertained questions from the Board.

D. Public Safety GIS

Ms. Hall stated that in June 2018, Chatham County signed the 911 Advisory Board Resolution. The E911 Executive Advisory Board consists of the Chatham County Manager, all City managers for municipalities within the county, Director of CEMA, Chatham County Sheriff, Chief Medical Officer for Chatham Emergency Services, and the Chatham County Board of Education Superintendent. SAGIS has participated as a co-lead for the GIS & Mapping Subcommittee to provide recommendations to the board.

- Chatham County Project Management Office hired a GIS Analyst to work with the SAGIS team on the Public Safety Improvement Project in August 2021.
- The team is working with Central Square Technologies to correct GIS data for the CAD/RMS implementation.
- Participating with the Georgia Geospatial Office to develop and implement the State Best Practices and Standard Documents.
- Maintain master address database, authority for addressing in Savannah and unincorporated Chatham, along with support for the other jurisdictions.
- Maintaining road centerlines for the entire county.
- Working with Chatham County to develop a Public Safety GIS Strategic Plan and addressing and Street Naming standards.
- Ongoing participation on the GIS Subcommittee, Recommendation Committee, and E911 Executive Advisory Board process.

E. Redistricting

Ms. Hall explained that voting districts are redrawn to equalize population counts following the census at all levels of government. The MPC is charged with coordinating and providing technical assistance for redistricting of the Chatham County Commission Districts, City of Savannah Aldermanic Districts, and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School Board of Education Districts.

- The process began for County Commission and School Board in August 2021. Small district meetings were held on September 23-28 with all elected officials to present draft options of the new district boundaries.
- Proposed final draft presented to all elected officials and media on October 11 in Commission Chambers.
- Initial submission of boundaries sent to the Reapportionment Office on October 27 for technical review. Small adjustments were made to boundaries due to existing precincts. Technical Certification received from the Reapportionment Office on December 13, 2021.
- School Board and County Commission both voted to adopt the boundaries in January 2022. However, the legislature did not vote to approve them on Friday, February 11 so the process is delayed for the 2022 elections.

Ms. Wilson explained that she believes if something is done by the end of this week, they still may be able to utilize the maps. Also, as they were dealing with making the minor adjustments that they were asked to do, there were a few areas that had less than 50 people that they did not make the small adjustment on. Reapportionment agreed that the Board of Elections could move the precincts to cover that small area. This is what is in place to make small adjustments to those little areas. This information was shared with the School Board and County Commission as a part of the approval process.

Ms. Wilson said once the map is approved, any adjustments made will be on the approved map. The Reapportionment Committee was clear that no adjustments could be made to the maps once they are signed. She said it is her understanding that discussions are going on about what to do with the maps; but they followed the law and did everything they were charged to do based on the law.

- Staff has prepared draft options for the City of Savannah. An initial kick off meeting was held on January 12, 2022.

- Individual district meetings to be held in February and early March.

F.i. Additional SAGIS Activities (November 2021 to January 2022)

Ms. Hall reported below are the activities that SAGIS has been working on since the last Board meeting in November 2021.

- Participated in the virtual GIS Day Savannah Week.
- [MPC-SAGIS COVID-19 Regional Dashboard](#) continues to be updated as the information needs associated with the pandemic change.
- Provide municipal boundary updates to the Census Bureau for 2022.
- Map Viewers moved into current version of Web App Builder.
- Completed the Waters Avenue Parking Study Phase 2 and 3 for the City of Savannah.
- Provided pdf and online maps to the Board of Elections and Voter Registration offices to review existing and proposed precinct boundaries.
- New staff in process of developing new training for SAGIS iMap, presented to Elections Office in January.
- Created graphics and maps for the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan coordinated with the Advance Planning Group.

F.ii Additional SAGIS Activities (February 2022 to April 2022)

Ms. Hall stated below are the additional activities SAGIS will be working on through April 2022.

- Provide map support for the Service Delivery Strategy for Chatham County and all municipalities.
- Develop a maintenance and improvement plan for SAGIS.org and additional viewers with new staff.
 - o Update the Help Documents as necessary for each viewer
 - o Prepare virtual training class for SAGIS iMap
- Update the CEMA Common Operating Picture, the City of Savannah CIP website, and MPC Agenda Map Viewer.

- Ongoing projects and support
 - Ongoing support and publishing of map services for various projects
 - Provide addressing services for Savannah and Chatham County
 - Database administration for all GIS databases used by county and city staff
 - Review and edit maps for zoning, annexations and municipal boundary changes
 - Continued support of Cityworks and Energov for City of Savannah, Chatham County, and HH-Sav International Airport
 - Additional 3rd party application support, including Cartegraph, RockSolid 311, and QPublic
 - Data and website quarterly for www.sagis.org
 - MPC website editing and maintenance as needed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Ms. Hall** adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Hall
SAGIS Director

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