

COUNTY COMPUTER COORDINATION COMMITTEE
January 5, 2010 10:00 a.m. Ad Valorem Division

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Scott Warren
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Jim Kelley
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Glen Blood

Larry Martin
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Kenny Chuculate
Doug Warr
Jeff Spelman

I. Confirm February 4C meeting date

Chairperson, Debbie Collins, called the meeting to order and set the next meeting date as February 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. This is held in conjunction with the CODA meeting at the Biltmore Hotel. Debbie will secure a room and notify Joe Hapgood who will send an announcement.

II. Mapping Coordination Discussion

Troy brought up the issue that there needs to be more coordination and communication regarding which counties are using what mapping viewers. He needs to know what counties are using which programs. Troy has put in a program in 15 counties at their requests. Some counties are opting to use a different program. Scott said there is a lot of free viewing programs available that may run differently but the data is the same. It was agreed that better communication between OTC and CCAP would help keep track of what the counties are using. Troy added that if he knows what's being used, he can include different types of training at the annual conference. However, it will be difficult to support a large variety of software. Joe said that Troy's knowledge as a mapping expert is valuable in the decision-making process for software. There are primary duties and roles, and this one may not be one that falls under CCAP's area. When new options are being considered, each entity needs to share this information with the other.

Johnny was in McIntosh County where he showed the mapper a quicker way to create and use layers. Later, Troy came in and installed a viewer, and Johnny removed the one he had installed because Troy's was better. Johnny asked if the program slows down the computer, and Troy replied no, it is just a snapshot. Building a file may take a while, but transmission would not. Some work stations may be slower depending on what other programs may be running at the time.

Johnny promotes the counties having to buy a specific software. Troy said the free programs can be fixed so they work.

Debbie asked that Johnny and Troy discuss this and work out a solution to report back to the 4C committee. Debbie said she is not familiar with these things and asked Troy to give a brief demonstration at the March 4C meeting, and he agreed.

III. Status Report on CAMA Windows; Status Report on AA Windows

CAMA Windows

Glen updated that Microfocus Cobal bureaucracy is stalling the licensing agreement. Bill Wadsworth received an e-mail from a Microfocus employee saying he would get it done, but it's not done yet. Bill is held up waiting on the license. Microfocus will not support the version that we have but is forcing us to move to versions 5.1. The economy has something to do with that as the company is looking to increase their profits. We are stuck in the middle waiting. Bill is trying to get the most "bang for the buck". As a result of this, it might be that "future year" may be a bit different but we will get it done.

Glen said to export files, change the name of the file by going into the test table and making the name change. Scott suggested that putting current year on work station A and future year on work station B would be another way to handle this and get through this year. Glen agreed that Scott's proposal looked like a good solution. The two will be discussing this further. Jim Kelley asked that the discussion not take long because some need a determination soon. Glen added that the solutions are workable, but there needs to be procedures put in places. When the license is obtained, this will no longer be an issue.

Jim asked if the procedure would limit them to using only one work station. Glen responded no. When the data is dumped, only the "ones" will come across, not the "zeroes".

Scott added that another way would be to dump the current year completely, then do the future year, and it would not matter if it writes over. But, you can't go back and forth between the two.

Glen said that since this is done once a year, people call in asking how to do it. OTC will send out documentation before long. Marsha Rayborn and Larry Martin have been working on this. It can be put in a PDF format and put online. There are other things that Bill Wadsworth is trying to fix, but time-wise and money-wise, he needs to be sure the license comes through before he continues.

AA Windows Update

Scott said they did an update a month or so ago. It was to smooth the input of values between the capped fields. Glen added that Kay County dumps early in January and maybe a few others do it early, also. Craig County does it in late February.

IV. Current County Hardware, Software Issues Related to AA and CAMA

Glen said some counties are very slow in speed. Some that are similar in age run fine while others are slow. It may be a hard drive change issue. There are some issues in Jefferson, Jackson, Tillman and Pushmataha counties.

Scott is going to Jefferson County this week regarding some odd issues which may be related to the internet. A shared cable slows down the work flow. Jim K said his county treasurer has gone online with data, and their provider allows 75 gig which now they are exceeding. Scott said counties are paying for speed and through-put. If the server is busy during peak hours, re-set the service time schedule to run updates when the other offices are not using it. Joe provided there may be a vendor issue in Craig County. Johnny told of a county that got a new server, and the old one had upper case directories while the new one had lower case. That now has been fixed.

Joe and Scott discussed an issue in Ottawa County which Scott can probably fix remotely.

Scott said they found an image re-sizer through Microsoft power tools and has a copy they can send out. Some counties could use picture manager. It changes picture size so it takes up less room but doesn't affect quality. Debbie C said she resized her photos and no one even noticed it had been done.

Johnny said that plugging in space heaters in the courthouses has been an issue causing power failures.

Jim Kelley told that Latimer County, Linda Kelly said she had to send personal print-outs of 901 form from AA and also a blank one from CAMA. Jim told her that the AA and CAMA forms had to match. Jim told her she didn't have to send out two.

Kenny said that the Business Personal Property Schedule will be on the website and not be printed due to budget cuts. However, if an assessor does not have access, then we will put it on a CD for them. The BPP Guide may be printed because it is smaller.

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