

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

October 25, 2021

The Redistricting Committee convened at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 25, 2021, in the County Board Room at 181 West Seminary Street and via videoconference and teleconference.

Committee members present included: Bob Frank, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Bobbi Ann Goplin, Dorothy Thompson, Chad Cosgrove, Susie Hauri, and Alan Lins. Aaron Joyce and John Poole were absent.

Others present included: Derek Kalish, County Clerk; Lynn Newkirk, GIS Technician; Tammy Wheelock, Deputy County Clerk; Marty Brewer, Chairman of County Board and Don Seep, County Board Supervisor.

- 1. Call to order:** Chair, Frank called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- 2. Proof of notification:** Kalish verified that the meeting had been properly noticed.
- 3. Agenda approval:** Motion by Thompson, second by Murphy-Lopez for approval of agenda. All ayes, motion carried.
- 4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Lins, second by Goplin to approve minutes from October 12, 2021 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
- 5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Tentative Plan:** Kalish shared the Richland County Final Plan for redistricting and noted it was also available on the Richland County website. The document contains names of committee members, supervisory district map, supervisory district statistics and municipal ward descriptions. Kalish explained that if the number of wards changed in a district, a resolution adopted by the affected municipality was required. Those municipalities are the Towns of Sylvan, Rockbridge, Richland, Richwood, Dayton, and Buena Vista. The Village of Viola and the City of Richland Center. All resolutions were adopted at the municipality level and returned to Kalish.

Seep questions the change of supervisory districts in Henrietta and Rockbridge, and how it will affect the current supervisors. Kalish referenced Rule #4 of the redistricting committee, "Never take into consideration the addresses of incumbents." Seep states that the rules of the committee are guidance, not policy, and questions if changes can still be made to the plan. Kalish states the county board could make an amendment or vote against the final plan. Murphy-Lopez explains the reason for the rules created by the committee and the process of creating them.

Newkirk explained the process of forming the supervisory districts and reiterated that addresses of incumbents were not considered, per the committee rules. She noted that 41 citizens in the census block in question are affected along with two supervisors, not four as Seep had mentioned.

Motion by Thompson, second by Lins to approve resolution of Final Plan and move on to the County Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Goplin, second by Cosgrove to approve ordinance of Final Plan and move on to the County Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Per Kalish, the Final Plan resolution and ordinance will be presented to the Richland County Board on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. After board approval, the Type A notice will need to be posted by November 23, 2021 by Kalish.

6. Future Agenda Items: None noted by committee members.

7. Adjourn: Motion by Hauri, second by Goplin to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Tammy Wheelock
Richland County Deputy Clerk