OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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REAPPORTIONMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Angela Powell, Chairperson

David Woodward Vice Chairperson Marcia Gershenson

Michael Spisz Eileen Kowall

June 25, 2021

Chairperson Powell called the meeting of the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee to order at 10:10 a.m. in Committee Room A of the Commissioners' Auditorium Wing, County Service Center in Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Powell; David Woodward; Marcia Gershenson, via videoconference, Bloomfield, MI; Michael Spisz, via videoconference, Auburn Hills, MI; Eileen Kowall

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kowall moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Woodward.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. REVIEW OF PA 280 OF 2011

Nicole Tabin, Assistant Corporation Counsel, gave the Committee members a brief overview of Public Act 261 of 1966 and Public Act 280 of 2011, which is an amendment to Public Act 261. The MCL citations for the apportionment process are MCL 46.401 – MCL 46.416.

The Census is expected to be received in August of this year, 2021. Ms. Tabin suggested that the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure first, and then approve a reapportionment plan. The plan needs to be approved within 60 days of the publication of the Census, but not sooner than 30 days, with approval by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners. The plan then gets filed with the Clerk's Office, and there is a 30-day period during which time the plan can be attested in court. There can be a maximum of 21 districts, and a minimum of 5 districts. MCL 46.404 (A-H) contains the guidelines for the reapportionment, and they are stated in the order of importance.

Woodward moved to receive and file the copies of Public Act 261 of 1966 and Public Act 280 of 2011. Seconded by Kowall.

Motion carried.

2. REAPPORTIONMENT REPORT AND STUDY GROUP RECOMMENDATION/RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Study Group on the Reapportionment of the Board of Commissioners had a series of meetings last year to review the reapportionment process from ten years ago. The study group submitted a report with its findings and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on September 28, 2020. Commissioner Woodward entertained discussion regarding the process. Topics mentioned were software, number of licenses, whether they should hold public hearings, legal advice in the case of an appeal, and how to begin the process.

Woodward moved to receive and file the Reapportionment Report and Study Group Recommendation dated September 28, 2020. Seconded by Kowall.

Motion carried.

3. REVIEW SOFTWARE OPTIONS AND COSTS

Susan Moore, Project Manager, gave a brief overview of the Software Options and Costs listed on the BOC Reapportionment Cost Scenarios document which detailed Scenarios 1, 2 and 3. Ms. Moore gave a virtual presentation of how the software would work. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would not be required if they use Esri software because Oakland County has a current contract with them.

Commissioner Woodward suggested that a Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee meeting be set prior to the next Board meeting to recommend an option to the Board for software. A discussion was held, and the next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Pamela L. Worthington, Committee Coordinator

Megan C. Sellers, Operations Supervisor

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.