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REAPPORTIONMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

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Eileen Kowall

September 20, 2021

Commissioner Powell called the meeting of the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee to order at 12:03 p.m. in Committee Room A of the Commissioners' Auditorium Wing, County Service Center in Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Powell, David Woodward, Marcia Gershenson, Michael Spisz, Eileen Kowall

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Spisz moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Spisz.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. REVIEW REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the draft Rules of Procedure, and discussions were held regarding each section.

Spisz moved to amend the proposed Rules of Procedure, Sections #2 - #9, as follows:

2. ~~The Chair delivered the census information received within 24 hours.~~ The County of Oakland has made available to the Commission members all tools that are reasonably necessary to other Commission member(s) to prepare the plan(s).
3. Only members of the Commission may submit proposed plans, except as otherwise provided by law.
4. No one member of the Commission shall submit more than one proposed plan. Each proposed plan submitted by a member shall first be forwarded to the Chair **of the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee** for verification by the Register of Deeds/Plat Engineering Office. After the plan has been verified, any member may be permitted ~~30~~ **15** minutes to make a formal presentation to the ~~full Commission~~ **Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee**.

5. The Board of Commissioners established the Oakland County Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee to create a draft apportionment plan that complies with Public Act 261 of 1966 (MCL 46.401 – MCL 46.416) and shall submit it to the Commission for consideration.

5-6. Each proposed plan shall be submitted using the Esri software. shall contain the following information in PDF format:

- a. ~~Two maps of the Oakland County Base maps clearly identifying each proposed commissioner district. One **Access to the proposed** map(s) shall be made **granted** available to the Register of Deeds/Plat Engineering Office to be used for verification purposes and one map shall be made available for inspection in the County Clerk Register of Deeds, County Clerk Register of Deeds/Elections Division.~~
- b. One electronic version of the map for a corresponding plan shall be posted or linked to the **Commission's** website for the public to review.
- c. ~~One electronic copy of a tabulation of the claimed population figures for each commission district under the proposed plan shall be submitted with the plan to be distributed to the County Clerk Register of Deeds, to the County Clerk Register of Deeds/Election Division, to the Chair for distribution to the Commission members, and to the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee members for consideration within one business day after receipt.~~
- d. ~~One electronic tabulation of the claimed population figures for each commission district under a proposed plan, along with a written description of each district as called for by State Statute will be posted on the Oakland County website for the public to review.~~

6-7. The population figures for each district in a **All proposed plans shall be verified by the Register of Deeds/Plat Engineering Office within 2 business days after the proposed plan is submitted. The time for submission of proposed plans shall run from the date census data is provided to each Commission member.**

7-8. Amendments to **Proposed plans and amendments must be submitted to the Chair and posted on the Oakland County Clerk Register of Deeds **Commission's** website for at least 48 hours for public review before the Commission may take any action on the proposed plan.**

8-9. Errors found in the verification process of a proposed plan shall be **reported to the Reapportionment Ad Hoc Committee noted in an electronic verification report with the inclusion of a map; the Chair shall provide in a PDF format, of said report, to the County Clerk Register of Deeds, to the County Clerk Register of Deeds/Elections Division for public review and deliver an electronic copy to each member of the Commission within one working day. If a proposed plan is verified as having correct population figures, the Chair shall have each member, the County Clerk Register of Deeds, and the County Clerk Register of Deeds/Elections Division notified by e-mail. Correction of errors shall be made in the form of an amendment to the plan. Amendments to the proposed plans shall be resubmitted to the Register of Deeds/Plat Engineering Office for the verification of the amendments.**

7. Verified amendments to proposed plans shall be delivered to the County Clerk Register of Deeds, to the County Clerk Register of Deeds/Elections Division, and Chair of the Apportionment Commission within 4 business days after the receipt of verification from the Register of Deeds/Plat Engineering Office. After this period of time, no further correction or amendments shall be made to any proposed plan unless authorized by action of the Commission.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Woodward moved to postpone the recommendation to the Board until the next meeting.
Seconded by Spisz.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OPINION

A copy of the Memorandum dated September 10, 2021, from Heather S. Meingast, Division Chief, and Erik A. Grill, Assistant Attorney General, State of Michigan, was provided to the Ad Hoc Committee members regarding the Timing for county re-apportionment plans. Commissioner Woodward gave a brief overview of the Attorney General memorandum, which states that the “60 days within which county apportionment commissions must apportion counties under MCL 46.401(1) will commence on September 16, 2021.”

Commissioner Woodward indicated that he has asked the director at the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) what date other counties are using, but he does not have an answer yet. A discussion was held. This topic will be addressed again at the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

3. DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS – MCL 46.404

Ms. Tabin gave a brief overview of MCL 46.404, which provides the guidelines to be followed when creating apportionment plans. Ms. Tabin recited a quote from a Michigan Supreme Court judge in explaining the criteria for developing apportionment plans. Ms. Tabin offered to email that quote to Board of Commissioners staff for distribution to Ad Hoc Committee members. Some key points include compactness and squareness and how the percentage between district populations should not exceed 11.9%. Ron Crank confirmed that when he looks for accuracy of a plan, he would be looking at the lowest populated and the largest populated district to determine the divergence between the two, which cannot exceed 11.9% difference.

4. TRAINING DATES

Susan Moore provided the following proposed dates for Esri software training for Ad Hoc Committee members:

- Tuesday, September 21, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday September 23, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

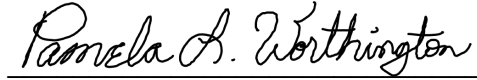
She indicated that if there are different times that are best for the members, she can accommodate.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

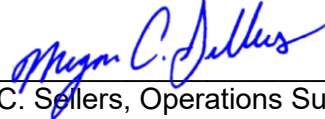
The next meeting was tentatively set for Monday, September 27, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Pamela L. Worthington, Committee Coordinator



Megan C. Sellers, Operations Supervisor

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.