



WASHTENAW COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

November 1, 2021

Minutes

A meeting of the Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission was held remotely via Zoom.

Members Present: Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of Deeds (Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI)
Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)
Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney (Webster Township, Washtenaw County, MI)
David Frey, Washtenaw County Republican Party Chairperson (Augusta Township, Washtenaw County, MI)
Chris Savage, Washtenaw County Democratic Party Chairperson (Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register & Director of Elections
Chelsea Rozek, Washtenaw County GIS Developer
Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk/Program Manager
Washtenaw County Commissioner Jason Morgan

Lawrence Kestenbaum called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner McClary, seconded by Vice Chair Frey moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Apportionment Commission with a correction under "New Business".

Vote on the motion:

5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

- Dirk Mayhew
- Margaret Schankler

- Heather Jarrell Roe

Commissioner Savage, seconded by Vice Chair Frey, moved to accept written comments submitted to the Apportionment Commission into the public record.

Vote on the motion:

5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Deliberations toward 2022 Washtenaw County Apportionment Plan

Chair Kestenbaum acknowledged the reading of statute provided by Dirk Mayhew. He stated that case law exists that allows county Apportionment Commissions to determine the number of districts and then draw boundaries that follow statutory criteria as much as possible while balancing district populations. He said that the statutory criteria for district boundaries should not be interpreted to dictate the number of districts that must be in the plan.

Commissioner McClary provided information about the costs associated with Board of Commissioners members and regarding the Board meeting room.

Vice Chair Frey spoke in favor of a 15-district apportionment plan.

Commissioner Savit stated that the statutory criteria for district boundaries cannot dictate the number of districts in the apportionment plan. He continued that the Apportionment Commission can determine the number of districts and then draw boundaries that follow statutory criteria as much as possible while balancing district populations.

Chair Kestenbaum stated the Apportionment Commission is getting close to adopting a final apportionment plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Next meeting date

Vice Chair Frey seconded by Commissioner Savit, motioned to hold the next Apportionment Commission meeting on Monday, November 8th at 4:00 pm.

Vote on the motion:

5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kestenbaum adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Approved: