



MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING OF SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

&

TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP TO AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 – 3:00 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JANESVILLE, WI

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russ Podzilni called the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting of Supervisory Districts and the Technical Support Group to the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present from the Ad Hoc Committee were: Russ Podzilni (Chair), Kurtis Yankee, Marilynn Jensen, Sandy Kraft, Ethel Himmel, Dave Brown, and Larry Nehls. Absent was Sue Conley and James Joiner.

Present from the Technical Support Group were: Lori Stottler (Chair), Jean Wulf, Rebecca Houseman, Cindy Hegg Lund and John Lader.

Present from the Staff of Rock County were: Paul Benjamin (Director of Planning, Economic & Community Development), Jennifer Borlick (GIS Mgr.), Nick Osborne (Asst. to County Administrator), and Jeff Kuglitsch (Corporation Counsel). Lisa Tollefson, Clerk in the Town of Harmony was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ethel Himmel and Dave Brown motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Passed by acclamation.

Paul introduced the proposed Tentative Supervisor District Plan Map and allowed Jennifer to present District by District.

Supervisory District 1:

The population of the City of Evansville is close to the target population. The entire city plus several blocks outside the city in areas of anticipated growth and comparatively high population were used. In Draft 1, the growth area was to the north. The Clerk for the City of Evansville requested that area be removed and a growth area to the south should be used.

Supervisory District 2:

This District completely contains the Town of Porter, Town of Center and Village of Footville. It also extends into the Town of Union and contains all blocks not included in Supervisory District 1. It extends into the Town of Fulton being bounded on the east by the Rock River and extending to the northeast to Supervisory District 3.

Supervisory District 3:

The population of the Rock County portion of the City of Edgerton is close to the target population. The entire city plus blocks in the Town of Fulton located within the city were used to create the District as well as extending east to I-90 / I-39 and the Rock River. Extending the District to the east preserves the core of the existing supervisory district, and follows the physical feature of the Rock River and the highway.

Supervisory District 4:

The District completely contains the Town of Lima and the Town of Johnstown. The District extends into:

- Town of Milton except for Supervisory District 5. It extends west of I-90 to the municipal boundary to meet the whole municipality requirement.
- Town of Fulton to the east of I-39/I-90 to increase population around Lake Koshkonong and to meet the physical feature requirement.
- Town of Harmony to bring the population in line with the target population.

Supervisory District 5:

The population of the City of Milton is close to the target population. We were able to include the entire City. The blocks outside of the City of Milton were removed as they would create a non-contiguous Voting Ward in the Town of Milton under the minimum population threshold.

Supervisory District 6:

The District is in the Town of Turtle that is not included in District 7 or District 14. It extends into the Town of Rock to Highway 51 to increase the population and includes part of the City of Beloit. Changes were made in this district to accommodate changes in District 14.

Supervisory District 7:

The District completely contains the Town of Bradford, Town of La Prairie, Town of Clinton and the Village of Clinton. It also extends into the Town of Turtle to increase population to the target population. Changes were made in this district to bring the population of the District in this Town up to the minimum population for a Ward.

Supervisory District 8:

The District completely contains Town of Avon, Town of Spring Valley, Town of Magnolia, Town of Plymouth and Village of Orfordville. It also extends into the Town of Newark to increase the population of the District. The Town of Newark was chosen as the "partial" township because the population was greater than 1,000 which would the Town to be divided into 2 wards. The population in the area in Supervisory District 8 in the Town of Newark is notably less than the population of Supervisory District 10 in the Town of Rock. Swapping these two areas as suggested in the 3/28 meeting was not possible.

Supervisory District 9:

This District uses the Rock River on the west as a physical feature in both the Town of Janesville and the Town of Fulton. In the Town of Fulton it uses I-90 as a physical feature and the town boundary and a school district boundary as political boundaries. The District extends into the Town of Harmony and the City of Janesville using major roads as physical features and school district boundaries as political boundaries. There was a block in District 9 that was added to take care of contiguity issues that would arise while creating Wards.

Supervisory District 10:

This District contains that portion of the Town of Newark not in District 8 and extends into the Town of Beloit not contained in District 6. It extends north into Town of Rock to the west of the Rock River not included in Districts 6 and 26. It is no longer in the City of Beloit. It did not meet the minimum population for a Ward.

Supervisory District 11:

This District is in the Town of Beloit the City of Beloit. It is bounded by the It is bounded to the west by municipal boundaries and extends across the Rock River to the east. It is bounded to the south by municipal boundaries and to the east by municipal and school district boundaries, following roads as physical barriers. It was extended across the river to deal with contiguity and ward size issues.

Supervisory District 12:

This District is located completely within the City of Beloit. It follows school district boundaries to the north and roads on the south, east and west to make a compact District near the target population.

Supervisory District 13:

This District is located completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded by the municipal boundary to the north and follows roads on all other sides. It crosses the Rock River to meet target population.

Supervisory District 14:

This District is located in the City of Beloit and contains the island populations for the Town of Turtle. It follows roads, municipal boundaries and school district boundaries.

Supervisory District 15:

This District is completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded by the Rock River to the west and municipal boundaries at the south and east. It extends north to make up the target population.

Supervisory District 16:

This District is completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded by the Rock River to the east and the municipal boundary to the south. It extends north and west to reach the target population.

Supervisory District 17:

This District is completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded to the west by a municipal boundary and to the south and east by roads. It was extended south from the last draft to include a school district originally in District 16 that would have created an extra ballot.

Supervisory District 18:

This District is located in both the City of Janesville and the Town of Janesville. It is bounded by the Rock River on the east and the municipal boundary on the north, It extends north and west and has been expanded to deal with contiguity and Ward size issues in both the Town and the City.

Supervisory District 19:

This District is located within the City of Janesville. It is bounded on the west by the Rock River, to the south and east by major roads and to the north by school district and municipal boundaries. It extends west to pick up population to meet Ward size restrictions.

Supervisory District 20:

This district is located within the City of Janesville and the Town of Harmony. It is bounded to the west by a school district and to the north and east by major roads. It is bounded on the south by a municipal boundary. It has changed from the previous draft to extend south as District 23 is now completely in the City of Janesville.

Supervisory District 21:

This District is located completely within the City of Janesville. It uses major roads as physical features on all sides.

Supervisory District 22:

This District is located completely within the City of Janesville. It uses major roads as physical features to the west and south, and municipal/school district boundaries to the north. It extends south past Milwaukee St. to bring the population in line with the target population and crosses the school district boundary to the east to be able to make a contiguous Ward.

Supervisory District 23:

This District is located completely within the City of Janesville. It is bounded by municipal boundaries to the south and east and roads on all other sides.

Supervisory District 24:

This District is completely within the City of Janesville. It is bounded to the southwest by the Rock River and on all other sides by major roads.

Supervisory District 25:

This District is located within the City of Janesville. It is bounded to the east and south by the Rock River and all other sides by roads and railroads. It captures the Fourth Ward neighborhood.

Supervisory District 26:

This District is located within the City of Janesville, the Town of Janesville and the Town of Rock. It is bounded in the northeast and southeast by the Rock River. It is bounded by Highway 11 and a municipal boundary in the east. This District has been expanded to deal with contiguity and Ward Size Issues.

Supervisory District 27:

This District is located completely within the City of Janesville. It is bounded by the Rock River to the west and north, and major roads to the east and south.

Supervisory District 28:

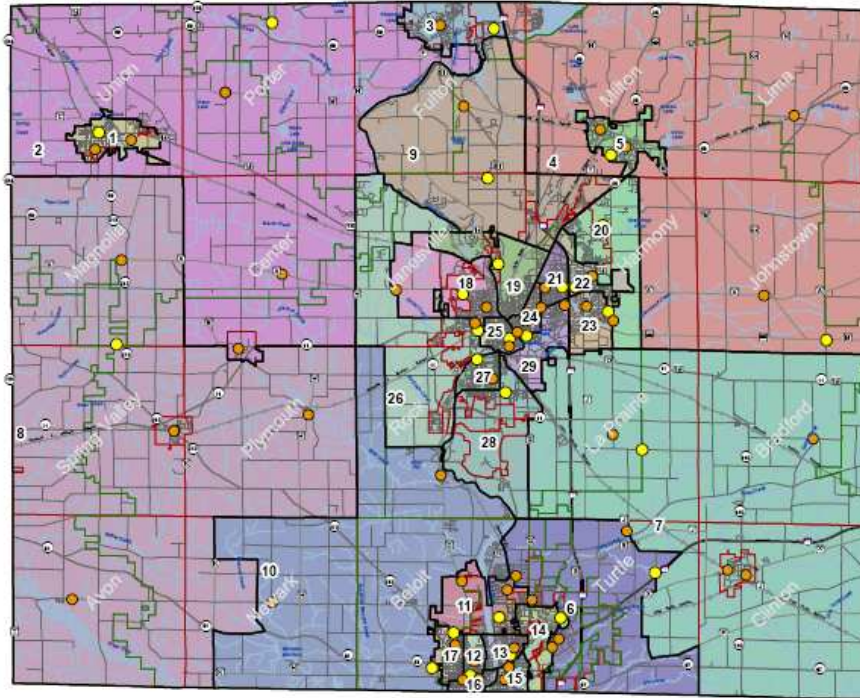
This District is located within the City of Janesville and the Town of Rock. It is bounded by the Rock River to the west and municipal boundaries the east. It is bounded to the north by roads. It is bounded to the south by a municipal boundary.

Supervisory District 29:

This District is located completely within the City of Janesville. It is bounded by municipal boundaries in the southeast and roads on all other sides.

Draft 3: Tentative Supervisory Districts

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*Maps were provided under separate cover and will be included in the official record.

A motion was made by Ethel Himmel and Dave Brown to accept the proposed plan as presented. Adopted by acclamation. Dave Brown would like to see a special accommodation for Jennifer's excellent work on this project. Chair Podzilni and Paul Benjamin noted the idea.

Paul Benjamin read a draft of the resolution to be presented to the Rock County Board for approval on May 12th, 2011. The Public Hearing for this proposed plan will take place on April 28th at 6pm during the Rock County Board of Supervisors regular meeting. Chair Podzilni invited the committee members to be present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kurt Yankee and Larry Nehls to adjourn to May 2nd at 3:00. Adopted by acclamation. Chair Podzilni adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Technical Support Group for Redistricting will be Monday, May 2nd, 2011 at 3:00 PM. **The meeting will be held in the Conference Room N-2 at the Courthouse.** The Committee will reconvene on July 18th, specifics to come later, after Municipalities have drawn Wards and submitted to the County for the final 60 day window.

Minutes submitted by Lori Stottler – Not official until approved by Committee.