



MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING OF
SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS
&
TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP TO AD HOC
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 – 3:30 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 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Present from the Technical Support Group were: Lori Stottler (Chair), Jean Wulf, Rebecca Houseman, John Lader. Cindy Heggelund was absent.

Present from the Staff of Rock County were: Paul Benjamin (Director of Planning, Economic & Community Development), Jennifer Borlick (GIS Mgr.), Randy Terronez (Asst. to County Administrator), Nick Osborne (Asst. to County Administrator), and Jeff Kuglitsch (Corporation Counsel). Kay Deupree was also in attendance representing the League of Women Voters; Janesville.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ethel Himmel and Sue Conley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Passed by acclamation.

Paul introduced the 2nd Draft of the Redistricting of Supervisory Districts 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.

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 as well were used to create the District as well as extending east to I-90 and 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 to the west of I-90 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, except for a small portion of Supervisory District 9 which is there due to a school district boundary.
- Population in the Town of Harmony needed 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. No blocks outside the City were used.

Supervisory District 6:

The District is in the Town of Turtle that is not included in District 7.

- It wraps around the city and is in the island populations in the interior of the city in consideration of future annexations from the Town of Turtle into the City of Beloit.
- It extends into the Town of Beloit to Afton Road as a physical feature.
- It extends north into the Town of Rock to the east of Hwy 51 as there is a minority population that may have been fractured in other scenarios used to try to equalize the total population among the Districts that came together in this area.
- It extends to the West of the Rock River to increase the population to the target population with Afton Rd as a physical feature.

Supervisory District 7:

The District completely contains the Town of Bradford, Town of Clinton and the Village of Clinton. It extends into the Town of La Prairie up to I-90 as a physical feature. It also extends into the Town of Turtle to increase population to the target population. It wraps around District 6 so that District 6 can remain contiguous around the city.

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.

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.

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 into the City of Beloit to the south to move District 17 north and wraps around and through the west and north portions of the City in consideration of future annexations.
- It extends north into Town of Rock to the west of the Rock River not included in Districts 6 and 26.

Supervisory District 11:

This District is in the Town of Beloit and the Town of Turtle. Attempts were made to follow physical features and municipal /school district boundaries in an attempt to make it compact and to minimize the number of ballot styles created with this plan and for future annexations.

Supervisory District 12:

This District is located completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded on the north by the municipal boundary and to the east by the Rock River. Blocks were chosen to minimize deviation from the Target Population.

Supervisory District 13:

This District is located completely within the City of Beloit.

- It is bounded by the municipal boundary on one and a half sides. It is bounded by the Rock River to the west.

- It extends north into the city to maintain contiguity for adjacent blocks and to prevent other districts from being “pushed” into the Town of Turtle island populations.

Supervisory District 14:

This District is completely within the City of Beloit. It causes District 6 in the “island populations” to not be contiguous with the rest of District 6. However contiguity doesn’t necessarily have to be maintained to preserve whole municipalities. (It is possible to create a contiguous Supervisory District for 6 and put these islands into District 14. This would cause both Districts 14 and 6 to be in both the City of Beloit and the Town of Turtle.)

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 south to reach the target population and maintain compactness.

Supervisory District 17:

This District is completely within the City of Beloit. It is bounded to the west by a municipal boundary and a school district boundary. The District is moved north to capture a block that contains an apartment complex that was built after the last re-districting. There is a minority population within this block that may have more in common with the citizens in the rest of District 17 than with the citizens in District 10.

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 and to the west. It uses roads as physical features to make the District compact.

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.

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 extends south past Highway A as a result of the school district boundary to the west.

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 east and north.

Supervisory District 23:

This District is located within the City of Janesville and the Town of Harmony. It is bounded by municipal boundaries to the south and east and roads on all other sides except for those blocks in District 20. It extends past Wright Rd. and Ruger Ave. in the southwest to increase the population to meet the target population.

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 Beloit. It is bounded in the northeast and southeast by the Rock River. It wraps the city on the west in consideration of future annexations.

Supervisory District 27:

This District is located within the City of Janesville, the Town of Rock and the Town of La Prairie. It is bounded by the Rock River to the west and I-90 to the east. It is bounded to the north by major roads and a municipal boundary to the north. It is bounded to the south by municipal boundaries except for that portion that is located in District 6.

Supervisory District 28:

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 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. Major roads were used as often as possible, but in some cases minor roads were used to equalize the population.

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

Janesville Clerk/Treasurer has some requests surrounding Districts 9 and 20. She will work with Jennifer prior to the next meeting to try to balance the rural v. urban distribution of the population.

Discussion around Districts 6, 7 and 14 took place due to placement of sitting Supervisors and Township v. City Boundary lines. Jennifer will look to adjust and present at next meeting.

It was noted that Districts 27 & 28 will need to switch numbers. It was also noted that the Public Hearing for the final tentative plan will be on April 28th at County Board and the Adoption of the Plan will be on May 12th at County Board. The resolution will be drafted from Paul Benjamin.

Prior to adjournment, Kay Deupree who was representing LWV expressed concern over the Criteria for Creating Tentative Supervisory Districts in that preservation of City/County representation was listed number 7 of 11 criteria and felt it should not be a priority. It was explained that the Committee listed the criteria and did not rank priority in order to give Jennifer the greatest flexibility in establishing the best possible layout. The items as listed are in no particular order.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sue Conley and Dave Brown to adjourn to April 18th at 3:00. Chair Podzilni adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Technical Support Group for Redistricting will be Monday, April 18th, 2011 at 3:00 PM. **The meeting will be held in the Courthouse Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Rock County Courthouse.**

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