



MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING OF
SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS &
TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP TO AD HOC
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, July 26, 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, Marilyn Jensen, Ethel Himmel, Dave Brown, and Larry Nehls. Absent was Sandra Kraft, Sue Conley and James Joiner.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

John Lader and Marilyn Jensen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Passed by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Dave Brown and Marilyn Jensen moved approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2011. Passed by acclamation.

REPORT FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR, L. STOTTLER

Lori Stottler explained that the County Clerk has received completed ward plans from 27 of 29 Municipalities. City of Brodhead and Town of Avon are outstanding and contact has been made to get completed plans. GIS Manager, Jennifer Borlick has assisted several Municipalities with mapping/approving their WISE-LR maps and census block lists for multiple municipalities.

Lori explained that the State Legislature has changed the redistricting process in the middle of our process by introducing legislation prior to receiving our approved plans. This impacts several municipalities in Rock County, but questions remain on what will need to be done in response. SB-148 & SB-149 has been passed by both houses and sent to the Governor to sign. They are the State maps for Congressional, Senate and Assembly Districts. SB-150 has been signed by the Governor (7/25/2011) and registered as [2011 Wisconsin Act 39](#). This legislation changes the process so the State can use CENSUS

BLOCK data instead of WARD data to determine their districts, PRIOR to Municipalities and County's completing their plans and sending to the Secretary of State.

Act 39 has not been published as of this meeting but the bill states a few changes to the law in which the County and Municipal plans were designed under:

- 1) SB-150/Amendment 4 – specifies that municipalities must, no later than May 15 of the 2nd year following the federal census (2012) on which the act is based, amend the ordinance or resolution to the extent required to effect the act. The amendment specifies that the provision is not to be CONSTRUED to compel a COUNTY to redraw supervisory districts or CITY to redraw aldermanic districts. The municipal governing body MUST adjust its wards, but not any supervisory or aldermanic district boundaries, to reflect the legislative or congressional boundary.
- 2) SB-150 changes the date of August 1 following the year of a federal census to April 1 for all territory contained within a municipality to be contained within a ward.
- 3) SB-150/Amendment 4 provides that wards created to effect an act of the Legislature MAY be numbered with a combination of whole numbers and letters to assist municipalities in adjusting wards. (i.e. 5a, 5b, 5c instead of 5, 6 & 7)
- 4) SB-150/Amendment 4 removed a provision that said “Final County Supervisory District Plan must not be inconsistent with the tentative plan, except as required to reflect a municipal ward division or an official correction to the census.” However, SB-150 REQUIRES that a County Board amend the county plan to reflect the renumbering of the wards specified in the plan within 60 days after the enactment or adoption of a ward plan that was revised to effect an act redistricting legislative or congressional districts...in the amended plan, the original numbers of the districts in their geographic outlines, to the extent possible, must be retained. An AMENDED plan becomes effective on the first November 15 following its enactment.
- 5) 5.15(6)(a) was amended to read that no ward line adjustment may cross the boundary of a congressional, assembly or supervisory district.

The Table Below Shows the Muni Plans Completed to Date and those likely to be affected by the change in Legislation.

MUNICIPALITY	APPROVED RESOLUTION	WISE-LR WARD MAP ATTACHED	CENSUS BLOCK DATA	# OF WARDS	AFF. BY SB-148 /149/150	DISTRICTS IF SIGNED BY GOV
T. AVON	By August 1			2	NO	
T. BELOIT	6/20/2011	YES	YES	10	YES	SUP6&10&11 C2/S11&15/A31&45
T. BRADFORD	6/21/2011	YES	YES	2	NO	SUP 7 C1/S11/A31
T. CENTER	6/20/2011	YES	NO	2	NO	SUP 2 C2/S15/A43
T. CLINTON	7/18/2011	NO	NO	1	NO	SUP 7 C1/S11/A31
T. FULTON	6/14/2011	YES	YES	6	NO	SUP 2&3&4&9 C2/S15/A43
T. HARMONY	6/6/2011	NO	NO	5	YES	SUP 4&5&20 C1&2/S11/A31
T. JANESVILLE	7/5/2011	NO	NO	6	YES	SUP 9&18&19&26 C1&2/S15/A43

T. JOHNSTOWN	6/20/2011	NO	NO	1	NO	SUP 4 C1/S11/A31
T. LA PRAIRIE	6/8/2011	YES	NO	1	YES	SUP 7 C1&2/S11/A31
T. LIMA	6/22/2011	YES	NO	2	NO	SUP 4 C1/S15/A43
T. MAGNOLIA	6/14/2011	YES	YES	1	NO	SUP 8 C2/S15/A45
T. MILTON	6/13/2011	YES	YES	4	YES	SUP 4 C1&2/S15/A43
T. NEWARK	7/11/2011 NOT ACCEPTABLE	NO	NO	2	NO	SUP 8&10 C2/S15/A45
T. PLYMOUTH	6/14/2011	YES	YES	2	NO	SUP 8 C2/S15/A43
T. PORTER	7/18/2011	NO	NO	1	NO	SUP 2 C2/S15/A43
T. ROCK	6/6/2011	YES	YES	6	YES	SUP 10&26&28 C1&2/S15/A43&44
T. SPRING VALLEY	6/13/2011	YES	YES	1	NO	SUP 8 C2/S15/A45
T. TURTLE	6/8/2011	YES	YES	4	YES	SUP 6&7&14 C1&2/S11/A31
T. UNION	7/7/2011	YES	YES	4	NO	SUP 1&2 C2/S15/A45
V. CLINTON	6/21/2011	YES	YES	3	NO	SUP 7 C1/S11/A31
V. FOOTVILLE	6/7/2011	YES	YES	1	NO	SUP 2 C2/S15/A43
V. ORFORDVILLE	6/29/2011	YES RC MAP DOESN'T MATCH	YES	2	NO	SUP 8 C2/S15/A45
CITY BELOIT	7/5/2011	YES	YES	24	YES	SUP 6,11,12,13,14,15,16, 17 C1&2/S11&15/A31& 45
CITY BRODHEAD	Needs to Amend			2	?	
CITY EDGERTON	7/13/2011	YES	YES	7	NO	SUP 3 C2/S15/A43
CITY EVANSVILLE	7/6/2011	YES	YES	8	NO	SUP 1 C2/S15/A45
CITY JANESVILLE	7/18/2011	YES	YES	25	YES	SUP 9 &18-29 C1/S11&15/A31&44
CITY MILTON	6/21/2011	YES	NO	8	NO	SUP 5 C1/S15/A43

REPORT FROM GIS MANAGER, J. BORLICK

Jennifer Borlick showed the Committee the SB-148 and SB-149 Legislative Maps and how they affect 9 currently approved plans in Rock County.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The timeline for the County to complete its plan has not been reset by SB-148/149/150; therefore, the committee is moving ahead with plans to bring a report to the County Board on Thursday, August 11 2011 (previously slated to be the public hearing). The Public Hearing and Adoption would be scheduled for September 8, 2011 and then sent to the Secretary of State as current law requires.

Janesville City Clerk/Treasurer, Jean Wulf presented two concepts to the committee. The first recommendation included minor changes to the Supervisory District boundaries to accommodate her ward plan and feels that these recommendations can be approved by the committee regardless of the action at the State level. The second recommendation included changes that would be necessary in order to comply with the new State laws and maps.

Beloit City Clerk, Rebecca Houseman presented recommendations that included changes to the Supervisory District boundaries to accommodate her ward plan and feels that these recommendations can be approved by the committee regardless of the action at the State level. Jennifer was able to show the committee how the Supervisory boundaries would change to accommodate Rebecca's ward plan.

The consensus of the committee was to allow the Clerks to work with Jennifer to adjust the Tentative County Supervisory District Plan to accommodate their requests. No objections were made. It was recommended by Corp. Counsel Kuglitsch that no action on a final plan be taken until the Governor takes action one way or another. In preparation, the 9 municipalities who would be impacted by the new maps should be contacted and alternative plans be developed in a fashion that their boards/council can take action within our timeframe for passing September 8th, 2011.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Proceed with minor changes to Tentative Supervisory District Plan as discussed;
- 2) Prepare amended plans in municipalities potentially affected by SB-148/149 signing by the Governor and be prepared to present to the Committee on short notice in time for Town Boards and City Councils have time to act on the amended plans prior to September 8th, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lader and Dave Brown motioned to adjourn. Passed by acclamation. Chair Podzilni adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Technical Support Group for Redistricting was left open pending action on SB-148/SB-149 signage by Governor Walker.

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