

Census Review & Redistricting Committee
Public Hearing
Monday September 13, 2021 9:00 am
Room 114, Wood County Courthouse

Members Present: Ken Curry-District 11 Supervisor; Michael Feirer-District 3 Supervisor; Ed Wagner-District 4 Supervisor; Jake Hahn-District 8 Supervisor; Dave LaFontaine-District 1 Supervisor

Others Present: (In Person) Jason Grueneberg-Planning & Zoning Director; Trent Miner-County Clerk; Paul Bernard-Land Information Officer; Victoria Wilson-Program Assistant; Nancy Quick-League of Women Voters; Diana Planer-League of Women Voters; Mary Dahm League of Women Voters; Bill Clendenning-District 15 Supervisor; Peter Kastenholz-Corporation Counsel; Heather Gehrt-County Treasurer; Nancy Olson-Humane Officer

Others Present: (Via Webex):

Adam DeKleyn-County Planner

1. Call meeting to order
Chairman Ken Curry called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 am.
2. Open Public Hearing- Tentative Supervisory District Plan
Jason Grueneberg gave an overview of the redistricting process. In the past, the census data was generally received in April, however, this year the data was received about two weeks ago. Because of this, the process will be much quicker this time. After this public hearing, the tentative plan will go to County Board for approval. After that, the municipalities will have about a month to develop their wards. From there the county will finalize the district map in November so that the maps can be used for the spring election. There are tools and information on the county webpage for Census Review & Redistricting.

There was a decrease of 542 people in Wood County. The decrease was not consistent throughout the county but more of a population shift in different areas in the county. The current population in Wood County is 74,207. With that population number divided by the 19 districts, ideally each district would have 3,906 people. The tentative plan provides a 2.89% deviation.

Supervisor Ed Wagner requested that two blocks from District 1 be transferred to District 4 due to a Community of Interest in that area. These two blocks are located on the corner of S Lincoln Ave, W 14th St and W 17th St. Discussion ensued. Jason made this change on the tentative plan map.

3. Close Public Hearing
Ken Curry called the Public Hearing closed at 9:13 am
4. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Dave LaFontaine made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mike Feirer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution – Adopt tentative supervisory district plan
With the changes to the tentative supervisory district plan, District 1 is -7 people and District 4 is +60 people, however the deviation remains at 2.89%.

Dave LaFontaine made a motion to approve the tentative supervisory district plan. Jake Hahn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjourn
Ken Curry adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am

Minutes recorded and prepared by Victoria Wilson. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next meeting.