

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

*AMENDED MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011 MEETING

LOCATION: Room 003, County Office Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Burns, Jr.; Joseph Leeman; Frank Rammes; Richard Reese; Gail Riley; C. Scott Stone; and Francis Walsh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Approximately eight members of the public attended, including the press.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Tim Burke, County Attorney, opened the meeting by introducing himself to the Committee and the members of the public and press in the audience. The Committee members then introduced themselves to the audience.

2. Presentation by Daniel Friedman, Assistant Attorney General – After an introduction by Mr. Burke, Mr. Friedman gave an overview of the legal requirements regarding the review of the Commissioner districts as a result of the decennial census. The Redistricting Committee is to examine the current districts, with the understanding that the population in each should remain relatively equal.

3. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman – Joseph Burns, Jr. nominated himself as Chairman, and was elected by a vote of 4-3 (Affirmative Joseph Burns, Jr.; Joseph Leeman; Richard Reese; and Francis Walsh). For Vice-Chairman, C. Scott Stone was nominated by Frank Rammes. He was elected with five votes (Joseph Burns; C. Scott Stone; Frank Rammes; Joseph Leeman; and Gail Riley). Recording Secretary services will be provided by the Department of the County Attorney by unanimous vote of the Committee.

4. Review information gathered by County staff to date – Mr. Burke confirmed that each of the members previously received packets containing Chapter 18, Ethics; existing boundary map; and the recent census data. He distributed copies to each of the members of the Report and Recommendations of the Committee from August 23, 2005 when the existing Commissioner Districts were initially drawn and adopted by the General Assembly; Open Meeting Act Manuals; Charge to the Committee; and proposed webpage. Scott Graf of the Department of Land Use, Planning, and Development Review presented the current 2010 decennial census data.

5. Dissemination of information to the public – Mr. Burke advised that minutes will be taken at each meeting by his office, which will be made available to the public on the County's website, on a page solely dedicated to the redistricting process. In addition, there will

**See minutes for December 1, 2011 for an explanation of changes.*

be a link to the webpage on the Board of Elections website. Agendas, handouts, etc. will also be posted on that site as well. An email address, redistrict@ccg.carr.org has been created as well and will be routed to staff in the County Attorney's Office. Both the webpage and email address will become activated on Thursday, September 1, 2011. As always, those requesting hard copies of minutes, agendas, etc. may contact the County Attorney's Office at 410-386-2030 and we will mail them out.

6. Board of Elections – Chairman Burns asked Elections Administrator Katherine Helwig of the Board Elections to provide information regarding precinct lines and possible costs of redistricting.

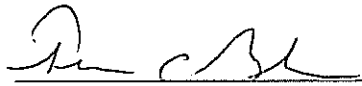
7. Other – The Committee also agreed that any proposed new redistricting maps must be presented to them for consideration by Thursday, October 6, 2011.

8. Future meetings/hearings – The members agreed to conduct meetings in each Commissioner District as follows: Monday, September 19, 2011, in District 3; Thursday, October 6, 2011, in District 5; Thursday, October 20, 2011, in District 1; Thursday, November 3, 2011, in District 4; and Thursday, November 17, 2011, in District 2. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and locations will be arranged by the County Attorney's Office.

9. Public Comments and Discussion – The meeting was opened to the public for comments. There was a brief discussion regarding the Board of Elections, regarding local operations of their office.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



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