

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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: Timothy Burke, County Attorney, was present representing the Carroll County Attorney's Office. Also in attendance was Mr. Bob Allen, a reporter for the Carroll Eagle newspaper.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and an observance of a moment of silence.

1. Review and approval of Agenda items – The Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved upon Motion of Mr. Leeman and seconded by Ms. Riley. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Review and approval of Minutes from November 10, 1011 meeting – The Minutes were reviewed and certain amendments were proposed. One suggestion was to change “Kathleen Panos” to “Ms. Panos” in Section 4. Mr. Rammes suggested that the word “protect” be changed to “keep” in Section 6.2 to read, “both maps meet population requirements, and Map 3 keeps Hampstead and Manchester together and New Windsor, Taneytown, and Union Bridge together.” Mr. Leeman requested a change to the same Section referring to his critique of Map 3, to read “it joins Taneytown and New Windsor together and Hampstead and Manchester together; while Finksburg is cut in half..” In order to clarify his comment under this same Section, Mr. Reese suggested the following language be added, “...which determines density and sets them apart as separate governmental units with their own self interest. The present Manchester/Hampstead split gives the Rte. 30 corridor two Commissioners.” Finally, the following wording should be added to the last sentence under Section 6.2, “as a recommendation of the Committee.” The Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended upon Motion of Mr. Leeman and seconded by Ms Riley. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Review of Website Performance and Input Suggestions – The Committee Report will be on the website and stay up for two weeks after the adoption of a Map by the Delegation.

4. Review and Consideration of Publically Submitted Correspondence – The Committee rejected a single email which arrived after the deadline cutoff date of November 18, 2011. Motion was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Leeman not to entertain correspondence received after November 18, 2011. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Review and discussion of previous meeting Minutes by Committee – Mr. Burns suggested reviewing the Minutes of August 23, 2011 through November 17, 2011 to make sure the Minutes reflect what actually transpired in all instances and whether or not they should be amended or modified for clarity. Ms. Riley pointed out that all previous Minutes had been reviewed and approved by the Committee at a time when discussions and incidents were current and was not sure what this new scrutiny would accomplish. Referencing the Minutes of August 31, 2011, Mr. Burns recommended that the term “Chair” be changed to “Chairman” in Section 6. It was also suggested that the word “operations” be substituted for the word “practices” in Section 9. Motion was made to accept the changes by Mr. Leeman and seconded by Mr. Walsh. Motion carried 7-0. Referencing the Minutes of October 20, 2011, Mr. Burns suggested eliminating the words, “where yes,” from the 12th line of Section 9. Motion was made by Mr. Stone to have the Minutes reflect this change and it was seconded by Mr. Rammes. Motion carried 7-0.

6. General Committee Discussion – Mr. Burns noted that no acceptances were received from local officials to the invitation to attend tonight’s final meeting.

7. Presentation of Final Report – Presentation of the Final Report of this Committee will be on December 13, 2011.

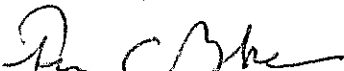
8. Old Business – Mr. Stone presented a copy of the Map labeled “Communities of Interest” that was originally submitted in the Final Report to each Committee member. This is to be considered his official map submission, “Map 3”.

9. New Business – Mr. Stone stated that the statute states that on or before May1, the Commissioners shall appoint this Committee and he wants the record to show that he is disappointed that the Commissioners failed to do so and, thereby, failed to meet their legal obligation. Mr. Walsh made a Motion to not revise the November 10, 2011 Minutes and Ms. Riley seconded the Motion. The vote was 6-1 against Mr. Walsh’s amendment.

10. Final Discharge of Committee members – Mr. Burns officially discharged and thanked the Committee members for their dedication and service.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Timothy C. Burke
County Attorney