

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

May 5, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

MEMBERS PRESENT:	S. Doyle, T. Johnson, J. Billings, J. Medinger, S. Hampson, M. Pedretti, S. Hampson, D. Manthei, J. Ehrsam, M. Naegle, M. Larson, J. Heim (arr. 3:15), and A. Kader (arr. 3:23)
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	S. O'Malley, D. Lange, J. Bluske, R. Ebert, A. Richmond, R. Geary, R. Keil, J. Schroeder, M. Freedland, V. Burke, T. Lehrke, M. Weibel, E. Schmidt, M. Giese, D. Korn, C. Burmaster, J. Barstow, R. Becker, R. Roth, C. Onsager, M. McCollum, D. Dinkmeyer, T. Acklin, and B. Williams

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri Lehrke, City Clerk, spoke as to the City's election budget. If changes in the districts and wards would change as proposed by the Redistricting Committee, Lehrke will need to add in her election budget for the 2012 presidential election approximately \$173,776 for salaries and expenses because she will have multiple wards in the same polling places. With the population of the City of La Crosse, Lehrke will also need to report by 'reporting unit' to keep ballots straight, same day registrations, and all absentee ballots will need to stay with each specific ward. With that in mind, Lehrke's projections for the 2012 presidential election will cost approximately \$60,776 which is more than 2008. Lehrke did a projection for the aldermanic election (odd years) and found an increase cost of \$20,740. Lehrke's numbers reflect labor costs for the City of La Crosse. The numbers do not include the cost that the county will incur for the extra ballot styles and the programming of the memory packs and additional reporting units. Lehrke reminded committee members that their decision will affect the cost to the City and County budgets and taxpayers.

Lehrke explained her numbers were based on the additional people in a polling place and recording units, and if there would be an increase of wards, there will be an increase in labor and expenses to accommodate the changes in the wards.

Questions, comments, and discussions were made by and between Lehrke, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, J. Medinger, J. Billings, and S. Doyle.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2011 MINUTES OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MOTION by Manthei/Hampson to approve the April 26, 2011 Redistricting Committee minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW REVISED REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR 29 SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS/ RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF 2011 TENTATIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT PLAN

Jeff Bluske explained the maps that were on the wall. 1st Map - "Supervisory District of 29 (Preliminary Plan – 29_01)"; Map 2 - "29 Supervisory District (Preliminary Plan – 29_02)"; and 3rd Map consists of the original "35 Supervisory Districts". Bluske stated Map 29_01 and 29_02 are the best examples based on everyone's input.

Ron presented Map 29_01 (29 districts numbered clockwise) and Map 29.02 (29 districts numbered counter-clockwise). The plans show red lines that indicate municipal limit lines and the black lines indicate school districts. Roth described the 29 districts that were planned for La Crosse County.

Motion by Manthei/Johnson to approve Map 29_01 and the Resolution "Re: Approval of 2011 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan". Voice Vote: 9 ayes (S. Doyle, T. Johnson, S. Hampson, M. Pedretti, D. Manthei, J. Heim, J. Ehram, M. Naegle, and M. Larson) and 3 nays (J. Billings, J. Medinger, and A. Kader). **Motion carried.**

The Redistricting Committee will make recommendations of the proposed 2011 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan to the County Board Planning Meeting on May 9, 2011. Bluske stated that the County Board of Supervisors will be having a public hearing on May 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the County Administrative Center Auditorium.

Doyle suggested committee members be present at the public hearing

SET NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA

Committee decided not to schedule a next meeting. Bluske mentioned that if the Redistricting Committee does not schedule a meeting, they will need to commence a meeting after 60 days in order to approve the final plan and wards.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Manthei/Ehram to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Recorded by Laurie Tweten