

## REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

March 22, 2011

Administrative Center – Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT:	S. Doyle, T. Johnson, J. Billings, J. Medinger, S. Hampson, M. Pedretti, A. Kader (arr. 3:33), J. Heim (arr. 3:20), J. Ehrsam, M. Naegle, M. Larson
MEMBERS EXUSED:	D. Manthei
OTHERS PRESENT:	J. Bluske, T. Lehrke, G. Dankmeyer, R. Ebert, J. Schroeder, V. Burke, M. Giese, J. Barstow, A. Richmond, D. Leis, R. Roth

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2011 MINUTES OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Per Tara Johnson, the minutes will be changed to reflect (on page 2 under Discussion and Possible Action Regarding County Board Size Range) that Jeff Bluske distributed a chart where he took a County Board size of 11 through 35 – *of odd numbers only*. **MOTION** by Naegle/Ehrsam to approve the February 1, 2011 minutes as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Manthei, Kader, Heim excused)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### OFFICIAL POPULATION FROM US CENSUS

Jeff distributed the official 2010 Wisconsin Census Population Counts by municipality. The actual count for La Crosse County is 114,638; the City of La Crosse's population was 51,320, which is down from the previous census. It was suggested that the numbers for the year 2000 be added so we can see that point of comparison.

### REVIEW REVISED CHART FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER SIZES 25-31

At the last meeting, the committee had indicated that they wanted to see numbers for County Board size from 25-31. Jeff also added 20-24 and 32-35. The chart Jeff distributed shows the ideal population for each district (dividing the number of county board members into the total county population). Using 29 supervisory districts, the ideal population is 3,953; 13 City Districts; 16 Out-County Districts; and total deviation of 8, so 29 is the closest to perfect.

Jeff showed some maps that indicated wards, school districts, and current County Board supervisory districts.

For cities between 39,000 – 149,900 ward size needs to be between 800-3200. For populations between 1,000 – 9,999 ward size needs to be between 300-1000 and for populations of 10,000 – 38,999 ward size needs to be between 600-2100.

### SET EVENTS TIMETABLE FOR COUNTY 60 DAY PLAN AND RESOLUTION

Jeff distributed a timeline that the committee needs to follow. We are ready to start redistricting, which is a 3-step process, broken into three 60-day sessions. The State has created software called WISE-LR that allows counties and municipalities to create their districts. As soon as we get the information from the applied population lab, we have 2-3 weeks to create the supervisory district maps. We should receive this data approximately April 1<sup>st</sup>. The census information was received on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Jeff asked the committee to decide on which county board size to use to create the maps. It was decided to create

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plans for each for the proposed board sizes of 27, 29 & 31. Jeff's department will create two plans for each of these numbers. At the next meeting, the committee will review the draft plans, make adjustments if needed, and choose one plan. This tentative plan will then be sent to the municipalities. A public hearing will be held in early May, and will solicit municipality input. The next meeting of this committee will be **April 26 at 3:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Jeff and Ginny will be writing a letter to municipalities letting them know that we are going to be looking at changing county board supervisory districts, possibly to 27, 29 or 31 and also of the public hearing date.

### **DISCUSS LOCAL REDISTRICTING TRAINING ON APRIL 13**

Jeff distributed information regarding a redistricting training session to be held on April 13 at UW-La Crosse. Jeff, Steve, Tara, Sharon, Ginny, Dan and Ron will all be attending. If anyone else is interested, please let Jeff know.

### **SET NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA FOR RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

April 26th at 3:00 p.m. – next meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – public hearing

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Ehram/Naegle to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. **carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic