

**CITY-COUNTY COMMON  
MINUTES  
Monday, August 1, 2011**

**Present:** Doug Emery, Deb Schorr, Jon Camp, Adam Hornung, Larry Hudkins, Carl Eskridge, Jane Raybould, Brent Smoyer, Bernie Heier, Gene Carroll, Jayne Snyder and Jonathan Cook

**Absent:** Mayor Beutler

**Others Present:** Marvin Krout, Planning Director; and David Shively, Election Commissioner

Chair Commissioner Deb Schorr opened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

**1. Approval of Common Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2011 and July 12, 2011**

Commissioner Hudkins moved approval of the Common Meeting minutes of June 7, 2011 and July 12, 2011, seconded by Councilman Carroll. Motion passed 13 - 0.

**2. Redistricting:**

Planning Director Marvin Krout gave a briefing on redistricting. State Statute requires that local government redistrict within 6 months of state legislative redistricting based on 2010 census. By November 26, 2011 the City Council and County Board will be required to redistrict. The City Council will need to act on November 7, 2011 for an ordinance to be effective in time. The City Council, by charter has four districts, and the County Board by statute, has five. There is a two step process according to state law. The first step is for the election Commissioner to establish new voting precincts, based on registered voters and following new state legislative district lines. Next, local jurisdictions draw new districts, based on new census population and following those precinct lines as nearly as possible.

Election Commissioner David Shively stated the Commission started redesigning some of the precinct lines to match legislative boundaries. The Commission does not want to split precincts if possible between the regents state education district. Because of the total increase number of people voting early or voting absentee, some of the numbers in precincts were down for election day voting. Several precincts were merged or combined, eliminating approximately 26 precincts. The elimination will save money on elections, cost on programming and for the precincts as well. The new precincts were designed first to meet the legislative mandate then to reduce the number of precincts.

Councilman Camp inquired if this was available on-line. Shively responded they are working with planning to make it available on-line.

Kraut stated the Planning department has taken the voting information from Shively and put it into GIS so Shively would be able to, on a block by block basis, move boundaries and identify how that voter information would add up, depending on where the precinct boundaries were drawn. Planning was not intending at this stage to show or provide voter information however, if this is information the City Council and the County Board would like it could be provided. The basis for the redistricting is to follow as near to practical those voting precinct lines and have as close to possible an equal population in each district. Very soon Planning will have the census population for each of the new voting precinct. A new set of maps will be sent out with the voting precincts, the existing City Council and the County Board, lines and tables with the population information for each voting precinct as well as the total population for each district. Information on neighborhood and homeowner associations will also be provided. Kraut pointed out that due to differential growth, there is quite a bit of population deviation between the current districts. In order to get equal population for the City districts, the southeast district will need to give up some territory to the northeast, and the northwest will probably need to give some territory to the northeast. On the County side the east and southwest districts have grown more slowly so the southeast will need to give up some territory to both the east and southwest to equalize population.

Traditionally the Planning Department has provided alternatives at separate working sessions for the City Council and the County Board and would be willing to do that again. Planning would bring several alternative maps to these workshops for discussion in September. As in the past, they would be willing to assist individual members to develop their own alternatives for these discussions. At some point prior to the hearings, a decision will need to be made whether there is one proposed new district advertised or several.

Councilman Camp inquired if it was possible on a map to move population from precincts to precincts and have it tallied? Kraut responded it is possible to do this in the Planning department in a one on one session.

Commissioner Smoyer suggested the members come to a consensus on a map prior to the public hearings and then amend the map following the hearing if necessary.

Election Commissioner Shively stated the process of drawing the lines for the new precincts is very time consuming and will probably take a couple of months to complete the process. The maps generated by planning will show population by precinct.

Kraut stated planning would bring alternatives to the groups for discussion in approximately four weeks, with the possibility of sending them out early for the groups review.

Commissioner Schorr reminded the members the next Common meeting is Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 8:15 a.m., the day after Labor Day. Information Services has been asked to return to the Common meeting to address questions that had arose during the budget hearing in July. She suggested questions should be sent directly to Mr. Henderson prior the meeting.

Commissioner Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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