

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

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3 Courthouse-Government Center  
4 West Bend, Wisconsin

April 14, 2011  
9:05 a.m.

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6 Present: Herbert Tennes, James Core, Rick Gundrum, Michael Miller, Dennis Myers, John Stern, and  
7 Daniel Stoffel.

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9 Also present: County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, GIS Manager Eric Damkot,  
10 GIS Analyst Michael Vander Sanden, Administrative Assistant Linda Doro, Dawn Wiebelhaus (City of  
11 West Bend), Margaret Wilber (Village of Slinger), Peter Miller (City of West Bend), John Rushmer  
12 (Village of Richfield), Supervisors Richard Bertram, Leslie Borman, Kenneth Brandt, Melvin Ewert,  
13 Daniel Goetz, Joseph Gonnering, Raymond Heidtke, Ralph Hensel, Lee Krueger, Marilyn Merten, Joan  
14 Russell, Gerald Schulz, Peter Sorce, and Paul Ustruck.

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16 Chairperson Tennes called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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18 **REVIEW AND REVISE TENTATIVE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT PLANS**

19 Mr. Tennes presented a recap of the April 12, 2011, meeting and the directions given to Mr. Damkot to  
20 provide updated drafts of plans #1, #4, #5, #7 and #8, with the goal of keeping the municipalities as intact  
21 as possible. In addition, school district boundaries should be shown on future maps.

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23 Mr. Tennes stated there are presently issues with regard to the protection of incumbents. He reported the  
24 redistricting guidelines from the Wisconsin Counties Association state there are other traditional  
25 redistricting principles that include protection of incumbents, and preservation of core interests of districts  
26 in the prior redistricting plan, consideration of minority populations and preservation of communities of  
27 interest. Protecting incumbents facilitates seniority among representatives and familiarity of  
28 representatives with the electorate and its interests. Preserving the cores of previous districts further  
29 facilitates constituency-representative relationships.

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31 Ms. Nass reported the protection of incumbents is a legitimate traditional principle in redistricting. The  
32 main goal of redistricting is to do a rebalance, see where the growth has occurred, see where the  
33 population has shifted, and draw your lines accordingly.

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35 Mr. Damkot presented draft plans #9a, # 9b, and #4b. These updated plans address the concerns with  
36 Hartford, Slinger, and Polk, reduce the number of municipalities each supervisor represents, and maintain  
37 the integrity of the municipal boundaries.

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39 Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Myers to eliminate draft plan #9b. Motion carried.

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41 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. Myers to eliminate draft plans #7 and #8. Motion carried with  
42 Mr. Stern and Mr. Stoffel voting no.

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44 Moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to instruct Mr. Damkot look at draft plans #9a and #4b  
45 and provide an alternative to how the northwestern part of the county is split up, specifically districts 8, 9  
46 and 13, and address the internal lines to eliminate contested races between incumbents in the City of  
47 Hartford, City of West Bend, and Village of Germantown. Motion carried.

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49 **ADJOURNMENT**

50 Moved by Mr. Core, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Motion carried.

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54 Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk