

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

2
3 West Bend, WI
4 Courthouse-Government Center

August 16, 2011
1:30 p.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, GIS Manager Eric Damkot, Dawn Wiebelhaus (City of West
10 Bend), Supervisor Brian Bausch, Supervisor Richard Bertram, Supervisor Leslie Borman, Supervisor
11 Melvin Ewert, Supervisor Roy Justman, Supervisor Peter Sorce, and County Clerk Administrative
12 Assistant Linda Doro.

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14 Chairperson Tennes called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

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

17 *Appearance: GIS Manager Eric Damkot*

18 Mr. Damkot provided an update on the progress to resolve the problem areas within four municipalities
19 that were affected by the approved State Redistricting plan.

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21 **Town of Hartford** - A change will need to be made to the County Supervisory District plan, due to a split
22 census block. A whole census block will need to be moved out of District 20 and into District 12. The
23 Town of Hartford will need to include this whole census block when they define their wards.

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25 **City of West Bend** - A change will need to be made to the County Supervisory District plan, due to a
26 split census block. A whole census block will need to be moved out of District 5 and into District 15.
27 The City of West Bend Common Council will meet on September 12, 2011, to consider and take action
28 on this revised plan.

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30 **Village of Richfield** - The Village of Richfield changed an area where there is a division of ward 3 and
31 ward 4 to exactly match the approved State Assembly line. The Village of Richfield was able to
32 accommodate this change without increasing the number of wards and all their wards are still within the
33 600 to 2,100 person range. The Village of Richfield Board will meet on August 18, 2011, to consider this
34 revised plan.

35 **Town of Trenton** - Two areas within the Town of Trenton were affected by the State Redistricting plan.
36 In the original plan, Wards 1 and 2 are split by a State Assembly line, and in its place now are Wards 1, 2
37 and 3, with Wards 1 and 2 in Assembly District 58 and Ward 3 in Assembly District 60. Ward 6 was
38 split into two wards with one ward in Assembly District 60 and the other, which contains only 76 people,
39 in Assembly District 58. This is the only ward in the Town of Trenton that does not meet the 300
40 minimum person ward size. The Town of Trenton Board is meeting tonight to consider this revised plan.

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42 **City of Hartford** - Four wards have been split by the Assembly District line. Based on where the County
43 drew its supervisory district lines, and the City of Hartford drew its aldermanic district lines, it makes it
44 difficult to swap people from one area to another without also requiring changes to the County's
45 Supervisory District plan or the City's Aldermanic plan. However, within the new law, the State has
46 created an avenue of splitting existing wards in order to accommodate the State plan, and these wouldn't
47 be considered illegal wards. This would be the easiest resolution because it would not require any
48 changes to the County Supervisory District lines or City Aldermanic district lines. This resolution would
49 require the City of Hartford to go from 11 wards to 15, with four of those wards under the 600 person
50 minimum limit. The City is also looking at other avenues that could reduce the number of wards and
51 reduce the number that under the 600 person limit, however these avenues would require changes to the

1 City's Aldermanic Districts. The City of Hartford's Redistricting Committee is meeting tomorrow to
2 discuss their options and hope to present a revised plan to the Hartford City Council on August 23, 2011,
3 or September 13, 2011.
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5 Ms. Nass reported at the next Redistricting Committee meeting, the final supervisory district map will be
6 presented, along with a draft resolution adopting the final plan.
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8 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

9 The Redistricting Committee will tentatively meet on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.
10 The public hearing is set for the September 13, 2011, County Board meeting.
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12 **ADJOURNMENT**

13 Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Myers to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk