

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021**

A meeting of the Cochise County Redistricting Advisory Commission was held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Rachel Gray, Commissioner; Tim Bowlby, Commissioner; Pat Boyle, Co-Chair; Rene Molina, Commissioner, telephonic; Elizabeth Bernstein, Commissioner; Jerry Hatfield, Chair; Yvonne Mayer, Commissioner; Cornelia Munoz, Commissioner, telephonic; Frank Molina, Commissioner; Marty Minnick, Commissioner, telephonic; Cheryl Glenn, Commissioner

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: David Stevens, County Recorder  
Tom Mueller, GIS Manager  
Terry Couchenour, GIS Analyst  
Lisa Marra, Elections Director

Chair Hatfield called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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1. Action to approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting of September 17, 2021.

Co-Chair Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting of September 17, 2021. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously on a voice vote 9-0 (Commissioners Minnick and Munoz not yet present).

2. Commission Roundtable Discussion on Redistricting and Precinct Boundaries for each Commissioner's Community of Interest: brainstorm thoughts and ideas for future Commission agenda items.

Each Commissioner discussed expectations and goals for the Redistricting Advisory Commission (Commission). Items mentioned include: to discuss the boundaries and determine if there is a need to change; the Commission's role being advisory; population

balance; equal representation across the County; the population decreasing and there not being a need to change unless there is an existing problem; and, serving the community.

No future Commission agenda items were identified.

3. Presentation by Ms. Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator -

- Redistricting Requirements;
- Census Population and Registered Voter Populations;
- Redistricting and Precinct Boundary Overview and Process;
- Staff Role and Responsibilities;
- Commission Meeting Structure, Procedures, and Role and Responsibilities;
- Timeline of Meetings and Public Hearings.

Ms. Gilman presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to clarifying questions from the Commission throughout. She reviewed redistricting requirements and principles, Arizona Electoral Districts, and County, Local and Special District responsibilities. The upper limit ideal population for the County is 43,906 and the lower is 39,725. Pitfalls to avoid include gerrymandering, packing and cracking, not considering race, and lack of community involvement. She defined precincts and reviewed rules for drawing precinct lines. She explained the Commission's process by which ideas will be introduced and reviewed, and reviewed the Commission's meeting dates and the timeline of Public Hearings.

The Commission and County elected and staff representatives discussed Justices of the Peace; precincts and vote centers; and, potential effects from the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission. The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed the timeline of future meetings, details of the Public Hearings and the use of a proxy for voting at the October 22, 2021 Commission meeting.

4. Action to Approve the Timeline of Meetings and Public Hearings.

Commissioner Bowlby made a motion to approve the timeline of Meetings and Public Hearings as discussed. Commissioner Frank Molina seconded the motion and it carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Discussion of potential changes to the Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca Supervisor District Boundaries.

Commissioner Gray provided background information and the reasons for Sierra Vista's proposal. Sierra Vista is seeking to include Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista in the same Supervisor District, rather than splitting them between Supervisor Districts 1 and 3. The Commission reviewed various proposed maps, including a draft map prepared by County staff as an alternative consideration. The Commission held a detailed discussion of the proposal, including impacts to the other Supervisor District boundaries and communities of interest and reasons for and against the proposal. In response to the Commission, Ms. Gilman and Mr. Couchenour displayed census data, and the Commission also discussed population statistics and the importance of not gerrymandering.

6. Direction to Staff regarding the Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca Supervisor District Boundaries.

Commissioner Gray noted that the draft map prepared by County staff is fine with Sierra Vista.

Commissioner Rene Molina and Commissioner Munoz left the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Commissioner Munoz later rejoined the meeting telephonically.

Commissioners discussed potential direction to provide staff. There being no clear consensus, Chairman Hatfield requested the Commission go around the room and say which map they were in favor of advancing to the next meeting for a formal vote. Three options were considered: Option 1, no changes; Option 2, Sierra Vista proposal; and, Option 3, County staff proposal.

The results were four votes for Option 1, no votes for Option 2, and four votes for Option 3, as follows: Glenn - Option 1; Bowlby - Option 3; Frank Molina - Option 1; Mayer - Option 3; Bernstein - Option 1; Gray - Option 3; Boyle - Option 3; Hatfield - Option 1 (Commissioners Minnick, Rene Molina and Munoz absent).

Options 1 and 3 will be brought back to the Commission on October 22, 2021, for a formal vote on which map to move forward to the Public Hearings.

7. Review and discussion of Staff-identified potential changes/minor adjustments to Precinct and District Boundaries.

Ms. Gilman stated that this item can be moved to another meeting.

Commissioner Bowlby made a motion to table agenda item 7 to another meeting. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion and it carried 8-0 (Commissioners Minnick, Rene Molina, and Munoz absent).

8. Action to Approve or Direction to Staff regarding Staff-identified potential changes/minor adjustments to Precinct and District Boundaries.

There was no discussion, direction or action on this item.

Chair Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Jerry Hatfield, Chair

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board