

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Cochise County Redistricting Advisory Commission was held on Friday, October 15, 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, telephonic; Tim Bowlby, Commissioner; Pat Boyle, Co-Chair; Rene Molina, Commissioner, telephonic; Elizabeth Bernstein, Commissioner; Yvonne Mayer, Commissioner; Cornelia Munoz, Commissioner, telephonic; Frank Molina, Commissioner; Marty Minnick, Commissioner, telephonic; Cheryl Glenn, Commissioner

Absent: Jerry Hatfield, Chair

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

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

Co-Chair Boyle 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

1. Approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting of October 1, 2021.

Commissioner Frank Molina made a motion to approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting of October 1, 2021. Commissioner Bowlby seconded the motion and it carried 9-0 (Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

2. Approve the **Board of Supervisors** District map (map with no changes or Scenario 1 changes) for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. She reviewed the Board of Supervisor District maps, focusing on Scenario 1, which incorporates Fort Huachuca into District 1 on the west side, while removing a portion of Sierra Vista on the east. Scenario 1 divides precincts; if the Commission proceeds with Scenario 1, precinct lines will need to be redrawn. She noted that District 2 has a majority Hispanic population and cautioned the Commission about redrawing lines in such a way that the Hispanic majority is removed.

The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed impacts to minority populations and political parties; trying to not split municipalities; gerrymandering; and, the impact of population in the redistricting process. Commissioner Gray discussed Sierra Vista's position regarding the proposed changes. The Commission and Ms. Gilman continued to discuss various aspects of the Scenario 1 map; Ms. Gilman noted that should the Commission advance Scenario 1 to Public Hearings, the existing map with no changes will also be available for review and comment.

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors District map, Scenario 1, for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings. Commissioner Mayer seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 7-2 (Commissioners Glenn and Frank Molina opposed; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

3. Approve the **Precinct Boundaries** map for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. She stated that staff is seeking direction to adjust Precinct Boundaries according to the Scenario 1 Board of Supervisors District map.

Commissioner Bowlby made a motion to direct staff to work out new Precinct lines to go along with Scenario 1, for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 (Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

4. Approve the **College District Boundaries** map for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. She stated that there are no changes; Mr. J.D. Rottweiler, President, indicated that the District is content with the existing lines and does not foresee a desire to change the lines.

The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed changes that may be necessary due to the Scenario 1 Board of Supervisors District map and associated Precinct Boundary changes.

Commissioner Bowlby made a motion to approve the College District Boundaries map, with no changes, for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Bowlby called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 (Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

5. Approve the **Justice Court Precinct Boundaries** map for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. She stated that Justice Court Precinct Boundaries are determined by productivity credits, which are based on caseload. None of the Justice Courts are currently close to the threshold. While not required, staff reviewed the overall population and Hispanic/non-Hispanic populations. Changes are not necessary unless there is a Community of Interest concern.

The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed the productivity credits for Sierra Vista Justice Court 5, which is still below the threshold; in response to the Commission, Ms. Gilman stated that the Superior Court indicated that there is not a need for changes.

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the Justice Court Precinct Boundaries map, with no changes, for presentation and public comment at the Redistricting Advisory Commission Public Hearings. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 (Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

6. Approve the use of a proxy for voting by members who are unable to attend the October 22, 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting.

Ms. Gilman provided background information on the item. Due to the Commission's decisions today, a Commission meeting will not be held on October 22, 2021.

The Commission removed this item from consideration.

In response to the Commission, Ms. Gilman confirmed that after the Public Hearings, the Commission will meet again to vote on a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed logistics for the Public Hearings.

Co-Chair Boyle adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

Pat Boyle, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board