

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING

LOCATION: Room 003, County Office Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Leeman, Chair; Charles Harrison, Vice-Chair; Karen Leatherwood; James McCarron; Harvey Rabinowitz; and Christopher Tomlinson*.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Raquel Pappas Walsh

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Burke, County Attorney; and Griff Manahan, President, Carroll County Board of Elections. No members of the public were in attendance.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:35 p.m.

1. General – The Committee heard from Tim Burke on various housekeeping matters, including the scheduling of future meetings.

2. Minutes of September 2, 2021 – Upon the motion of Karen Leatherwood, seconded by Harvey Rabinowitz, the Committee approved the minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting (4-0 vote, Mr. Tomlinson did not vote).

3. Presentation by Chair Leeman – Chair Leeman presented a series of 13 possible redistricting maps, each with the required equivalent population. Ten maps required precinct splitting to certain degrees.

The intention of the Committee is to minimize precinct splitting, although they agreed some splitting was likely going to occur regardless of which map is adopted for submission to the Delegation.

The Committee rejected 10 of the 13 maps for various reasons, including “community and precinct splitting”, which they believe is undesirable and will result in confusion to the public. The Committee agreed to continue discussing and considering at future meetings the attached three maps labeled “Map A Revised”; “Map B”; “Map C Revised”; and Map D.

4. Future meetings/hearings – The Committee will hold the following public meetings/hearings where questions and public comment will be entertained:

Monday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. – South Carroll Senior Center
Wednesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. – Taneytown Senior Center
Monday, September 27, 6:30 p.m. – North Carroll Public Library Branch
Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. – Mt. Airy Senior Center
Monday, October 4, 4:30 p.m. – County Office Building, Room 003
Monday, October 18, 4:30 p.m. – County Office Building, Room 003

5. Adjournment -- The Committee, on the motion of Harvey Rabinowitz, seconded by Jim McCarron, adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

*arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:


Timothy C. Burke, County Attorney

Adopted by the Redistricting Committee on September 20, 2021.