

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
August 31, 2021

IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE
STURTEVANT, WI 53177

The meeting of the Reapportionment Committee was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert Miller.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Shakoor, II, Trottier, Kaprelian and County Clerk Christensen. Also attending was Assistant Corporation Counsel Sarah Kidd and GIS Manager Kimberly Christman.

Excused: Supervisors Kramer and Maier.

Absent: None.

#1 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

Action: To approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021 meeting, as printed. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Shakoor, II. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#2 – Discussion and information related to group quarters census data and census block with Racine County jail population

Clerk Christensen gave a recap of the discovery of an error in the census data related to the census block containing a population of zero for the Racine County jail. Asst. Corporation Counsel Kidd referred to the relevant portion regarding group quarters and explained the process for an appeal of the information through the census bureau, known as the Census Count Question Resolution (CQR), although the timeline had not yet been established. Based on what we have learned so far, that process may not start until 2022. She then introduced Daniel Veroff, whose role was to work with UW-Madison, along with the Demographic Services at the Department of Administration and Joseph Kreye, the Senior Coordinating Attorney with the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

Mr. Veroff talked about the enumeration process and how group quarters are classified. He was not aware of this happening in other counties. He spoke regarding various census tracts with other group quarters and asked about the information. Attorney Kreye stated he did not have anything specific to add at this time. There is not state mechanism to adjust the figures and reallocation them to their home district is not allowed under state law. Further discussion was held regarding the data.

Supervisor Kaprelian joined the meeting by Webex at 5:25 p.m.

#3 – Overview of WISE-Decade redistricting software

Clerk Christensen gave a brief overview of the WISE-Decade redistricting software and how it functions. This is the software that is used statewide to create the county and municipal plans.

#4 – Possible review of drafted tentative plan(s)

Chairman Miller referred to the printed paper maps and the three versions that had been distributed (Drafts 1, 4 and 5), as well as the population spreadsheet that had been provided. Copies had also been displayed for viewing. Clerk Christensen used the software to show the Supervisor District areas in each of the plans. She invited Supervisors to stay to see the mapping more closely following the meeting.

Chairman Miller explained that the information on the various plans would be added to the county website for the public to access and review. He encouraged the Supervisors to review the plans and reminded them that under the timeline, the committee should be prepared at the next meeting to recommend a version be forwarded to the County Board for approval and adoption.

#5 - Adjournment

Action: Adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Shakoor, II. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.