



Board of County Commissioners Briefing Minutes

Date	August 12 th , 2022
Time	2:30pm
Office/Department	Commissioners Office
Title	Kick Off Redistricting Committee Meeting
Staff Contact	Brandi Miranda
Attendees	<p>Commissioner Carolina Mejia County Manager Ramiro Chavez Prosecuting Attorney Elizabeth Petrich GIS/IT Supervisor Tammie Falkner GIS Analyst II Sarah smith Port General Counsel Rich Hughes Port Executive Director Sam Gibboney Port Commissioner Amy Evans Auditor Mary hall Port Commissioner Bob Iyall IT Technical Manager Sherri Ilg Chief Deputy Auditor Diana Benson Education and Outreach Specialist II Emmett O'Connell Executive Aide Sara Develle Clerk of the Board Jamie Caldwell</p>
Minutes	<p>Introductions</p> <p>County Manager Ramiro Chavez introduced the goal and topic of the Kickoff Redistricting Committee Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal point of view - Technical point of view - Seeking thoughts and feedback from the Committee <p>Mary hall is excited hoping that these ballot measures pass. Its s tight timeline to redraw all the Districts. We will be splitting precincts. Appreciates everyone's assistance.</p>

Bob Iyall this is a great thing for Thurston County. This is a good effort on our part and collaboration with the County and Port. Looking forward to working with everyone.

Carolina Mejia is excited as well; she has been staring at the map to see how its going to be broken down. Eager to get the ball rolling, with a lot of community input and interest.

Outline Roles and Responsibilities / Review Resolutions

County Manager Ramiro Chavez discussed resolutions passed by the Port and Commissioners. Appreciates Port of Olympia working alongside us to have 5 Commissioners. This is going to be a benefit to the residents of Thurston County.

- Better representations for our Residents
- Joint Resolution outlines the roles
- County Auditor to provide technical expertise
- Attached past county resolutions

Review Timelines

Ramiro Chavez reviewed the timeline of dates with the Committee:

- **September 30th** The Redistricting Committee shall submit the final draft redistricting plan of the proposed five districts to the County and the Port.
- **Weeks of October 10th and October 17th** Redistricting Committee shall schedule joint work sessions between the parties to review the final draft of the proposed five districts.
- **November 4th** Final draft agreement of the boundaries are approved by the Parties.
- **November 15th** The Parties shall set a joint Public Hearing to take place on November 29 to take comment on the final approved draft of the five new districts.
- **November 29th** The parties will hold individual Public Hearings on the final draft and adopt final new 5 member districts on December 12 (Port Commission) and December 13 (BoCC);
- **December 12th** Port Commission Approval of the final new 5-member districts.
- **December 13th** BoCC Approval final new 5-member districts.
- **December 20th** Parties submit approved boundaries to County Auditor

Three Objectives:

- Balance the population
- Do not out District any Commissioner
- Maintain balance without splitting districts

Joint meeting Oct 10-17TH :

If there isn't an agreement from the Port Commission, we must split.

- Goal is to get it to an approval process.
- For the County Commissioners it is very specific in the statues if the BoCC doesn't approve the redistricting. The Prosecuting Attorney will have to file with the courts.

November 4th:

The hope is to have a final agreement by both Commissioners.

November 8th:

If the voters approve the two measures on November 8th, we will need to hold a public hearing November 15th to hold the hearing on November 29th. For the Port Commission to adopt the final draft on Dec 12th and BoCC to adopt the final draft on Dec 13th.

Prosecuting Attorney Elizabeth Petrich stated we need to push the public hearing out. We must give the public opportunity to comment on the new revised draft.

Ramiro Chavez reported he will move the final approval of the draft to another week out. The timeline will be revised.

Bob Iyall they will need a published draft of public comment from November 15th, proposed to have all the documents available within 10 days.

Ramiro Chavez will make the adjustment and note the need for the public comment draft.

Outline of Major Objective for redistricting

Three Objectives:

- Making each district population with about 60,000 residents.
- Do not out District any Commissioner
- Maintain balance without splitting districts

Mary hall stated that the districts need to be compact as possible, joined all the way without islands, and the districts can't favor any political party.

Future Meetings

Ramiro Chavez stated it appears that Friday will be the best day for most, every two weeks. Please try to be flexible as possible.

Next Steps

Ramiro Chavez briefly touched base on the next steps:

- The next meeting will be working on the lines on the maps.

Ramiro put some lines on a map for proposed districts, discussed existing districts. This map is just being brought forward to begin the conversation.

	<p>What would be district four and five?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed urban areas and rural areas and plotting Commissioners on the maps. - Roundtable of discussion occurred on the topic - Geodata will be using Census numbers. - Idea: Present a couple different options with a Southern District with Four Districts on top as well. Several different variations of the map to see how they would all work out and seeing where all the Commissioners live by precincts would be beneficial. - GEO DATA WILL LOOK AT THE POPULATIONS AND COME BACK WITH A LARGER SOUTHERN DISTRICT - Mary hall asked if the Committee wanted to talk about what an acceptable variance would be? Ramiro Chavez stated 60,100 is the population needed for each District. There can only be a 200-resident deviation. Larger than that would not meet the objectives.
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