



## Board of County Commissioners Briefing Minutes

Date	August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Time	3:00pm
Office/Department	Commissioners Office
Title	Kick Off Redistricting Committee Meeting
Staff Contact	Katelyn Johnson
Attendees	<p>Commissioner Carolina Mejia  County Manager Ramiro Chavez  PIO Meghan Porter  Wayne Fornier, Mayor of Tenino  GIS/IT Supervisor Tammie Falkner  GIS Analyst II Sarah smith  Port General Counsel Rich Hughes  Port Executive Director Sam Gibboney  Auditor Mary hall  Tilley elections  Lynn Wantonabe elections  Port Commissioner Bob Iyall  IT Technical Manager Sherri Ilg  Clerk of the Board Jamie Caldwell  Bill former Port Commissioner</p>
Minutes	<p><b>I. Review Major Objectives and Timelines</b></p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1. Achieve equal population number by district, about 60,000 per district</li> <li>- 2. Maintain current Commissioners in their elected districts</li> <li>- 3. Follow Precinct lines, avoiding splitting precincts</li> <li>- 4. Compact and contiguous as possible</li> <li>- 5. Maintain Communities of mutual interest</li> <li>- 6. No Gerrymandering</li> </ul> <p><u>Timelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- August 12th through September 29th - County staff from the Informational Technology Department and Elections Division,</li> </ul>

and the Redistricting Committee shall develop a proposal to create five districts for the election of commissioners.

- 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 is approved by the respective Legislative Authorities.
- November 15th - The Parties shall set a separate public hearing to take place on November 29 to take comment on the final approved draft of the five new districts.
- November 21st - Publish the proposed district boundaries map for public review leading to the public hearing.
- November 29th - The parties will hold separate Public Hearings on the final draft.
- December 2nd - Redistricting Committee meets to consider public comments – if no modifications then move to approval.
- December 12th - Port Commission Approval of the final new 5-member districts.
- December 13th - BoCC Approval of the final new 5-member districts.
- December 20th - Parties submit approved boundaries to County Auditor.
- Mary Hall states sending new voter registration cards after redistricting would cost \$43k - \$50k
- Letter read by Commissioner Mejia from Port Commissioner Evans, who was unable to make the meeting. She would like space saved at Port Commissioner meeting to discuss what happens at this meeting.

## **II. Review Draft Boundaries Map**

### **1. Interactive conversation**

- County Manager Chavez reviews two options A & B in the redistricting map
- BoCC needs to discuss which will be dist 4 & which is 5, one Board Commissioner district is 1 year election, one is 3 year.
- Port Commissioner decision is most votes of the two candidates is a 4 year term, runner up is 2 year term.
- Objectives all met under option A
- Port Commissioner Bob Iyall asks if there is an option to do 4 districts with 1 at large. No, the BoCC doesn't have that option.
- Rick: The Port has the option to do 3 districts with 2 at large.
- Objectives not completely met in option B.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Mejia, keeping communities with mutual interest together is a goal she would like to see. Is there a possibility of keeping the south county cities more together?</li> <li>- Port Commissioner Iyall, he feels the same as Commissioner Mejia, with respect to having representation to all districts. Having Commissioner Edwards living on the opposite points of the proposed is hard.</li> <li>- Commissioner Mejia thinks this is a great starting point.</li> <li>- County Manager: What is better representation to you. South County citizens under one district? There would be no incorporated areas in those districts at that point, which is alternative 2.</li> <li>- Mayor Wayne Fournier, public comment thinks this is an amazing and historic project. He agrees having more rural representation. Likes the option 2. Speaking as the Mayor of a small community, all of the mayors work together in those community.</li> <li>- Rick: on Map two, part of Rainier in two different districts. Ramiro, that is how the precinct boundaries fall and that can be managed.</li> <li>- Mary Hall discusses splitting precincts. Lynn: Elections, splitting that would cut up legislative lines.</li> <li>- Commissioner Iyall and Mejia believes thinking on it a bit more and</li> <li>- The BoCC Commissioner, one wanted to have some rural areas and Steamboat is rural. One wanted to have more in Nisqually.</li> </ul> <p><b>III. Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keeping 3 south cities under one district.</li> <li>- Bring south cities Tenino &amp; Bucoda under the light blue district and balancing the population in to dark blue.</li> <li>- Getting into Grand Mound and .... That will be difficult</li> <li>- Commissioner Mejia request Zoom for September 9 meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>V. Adjourn</b></p> <p>3:57pm.</p>
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