



Board of County Commissioners Briefing Minutes

Date	September 9th, 2022
Time	3:00pm
Office/Department	Commissioners Office
Title	Redistricting Committee Meeting
Staff Contact	Brandi Miranda
Attendees	<p>Commissioner Carolina Mejia County Manager Ramiro Chavez PIO Meghan Porter Auditor Mary Hall Loretta Seppanen Wayne Fornier, Mayor of Tenino Linda Watanabe Joy Johnston Emmet O'Connell Port General Counsel Rich Hughes Amy Evans Sam Gibboney Meghan Porter Port Commissioner Bob Iyall GIS/IT Supervisor Tammie Falkner GIS Analyst II Sarah smith Jack Mongin</p>
Minutes	<p>I. Welcome County Manager Ramiro Chavez opened the meeting and stated that he would like to review the major objectives.</p> <p>II. Review Major Objectives and Timelines</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Achieve equal population number by district, about 60,000 per district - 2. Maintain current Commissioners in their elected districts - 3. Follow Precinct lines, avoiding splitting precincts

- 4. Compact and contiguous as possible
- 5. Maintain Communities of mutual interest
- 6. No Gerrymandering

Timelines

- August 12th through September 29th - County staff from the Informational Technology Department and Elections Division, 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.

III. Review Draft Boundaries Map

County Manager Ramiro Chavez discussed the three-map district options A, B, and C.

Option A – varying option of the first week’s option. The significant difference is to include the south county into one district. Dark blue is district 4 and light blue is District 5. Varying of population.

Option B – This map reflects comments made by members of the public. This would make light blue District 5 most of the south area of the map. There will be a small urban area (dark blue) for District 4.

Option C – Similar to option B with one difference, District 4 would move higher to balance some of the urban area to the water. The south county representation will remain the same with the light blue District 5.

Discussion:

Port Commissioner Bob Iyall – Discussed comments received from the public. Public would like the south rural representation to be into one district looks like option c/b accomplishes that.

Commissioner Mejia – Also received the same comments as Commissioner Iyall. Mejia stated option C covers all the comments she received the public.

Mayor Wayne Fournier - Stated he spoke with other City Officials, and they all agreed they would like to be in the same District, same with Rochester residents. There is an interest in having a southwest option.

Commissioner Evans, Objective is to maintain community interest. We should look at cities and keep mutual cities of interest together. In her opinion option B is more beneficial.

County Manager Ramiro Chavez stated that we create similar districts with communities of mutual interests. We can't balance the population by creating districts with city boundaries.

IV. Next steps

Ramiro Chavez discussed that option B and C are more reflective of those comments.

Port Commissioner Bob Iyall is in favor to move forward with option B and C.

Commissioner Mejia is in agreeance with moving forward with discussing option B and C. She reported she is leaning towards option C.

Ramiro Chavez as the Commissioner Iyall and Mejia if they would like to put in a formal decision for you to vote on?

Commissioner Mejia made a motion to have Option B and Option C to be reviewed by the Port of Olympia and by the Board of County Commissioners so they can vote on a final map.

Port Commissioner Bob Iyall second this motion.

Ramiro Chavez will work on setting up future meetings.

	Port Commissioner ended the meeting at 3:30 with no further discussion.
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