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# **Macomb County Apportionment Commission**

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9:00am

**Location:** Macomb County Board of Commissioners Auditorium One South Main Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan

# **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Public Participation (limited to three minutes)

Kathy Smith

Chief Deputy Clerk

- 5) Approval of Minutes (September 22, 2021 Apportionment Commission Meeting)
- 6) Discussion of Planning Department's Review of:
  - a) Plan submitted by Mark Forton
  - b) Plan submitted by Ed Bruley
- 7) Unfinished Business
- 8) New Business
- 9) Public Participation (limited to three minutes)
- 10) Adjournment

# Macomb County Apportionment Commission September 22, 2021 Meeting UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The Macomb County Apportionment Commission met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, One South Main Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

The following Apportionment Commission members were present:

Anthony G. Forlini – County Clerk and Register of Deeds

Lawrence Rocca – County Treasurer

Peter J. Lucido – County Prosecuting Attorney

Mark Forton – Republican Party Chair Ed Bruley – Democratic Party Chair

Also Present: Michael Grix – Chief Election Clerk

Frank Krycia – Corporation Counsel's Office

Jeff Schroeder – Planning and Economic Development

Kathy Smith – Chief Deputy Clerk Goce Nedanovski – Elections Specialist

#### Call to Order

Anthony Forlini called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

Attendance was taken. All members of the Apportionment Commission were present.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Lawrence Rocca made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Peter Lucido. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Public Participation**

None

## **Approval of Minutes (September 2, 2021 Apportionment Commission Meeting)**

Lawrence Rocca made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Lucido. The minutes were approved unanimously.

# <u>Discussion of Michigan Attorney General's Memo to Michigan Bureau of Elections</u> <u>regarding County Apportionment Commission timeline</u>

Frank Krycia stated that the Michigan Attorney General declined the Apportionment Commission's request for an opinion but issued a Memo to the Michigan Secretary of State that covered the same topic. Based on the memo, the official 60-day deadline would begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Corporation Counsel agrees with that opinion.

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Peter Lucido asked about legal weight of an AG memo versus an AG opinion. Frank Krycia stated that the AG memo does not hold the same weight of law that an AG opinion does. However, he agrees with the conclusion reached in the AG memo.

# <u>Discussion of Apportionment Commission timeline and Criteria for Verification of Plans</u> by the Planning Department

Peter Lucido made a motion to set September 16<sup>th</sup> as the official start of the 60-day timeline with October 16<sup>th</sup> being the 30<sup>th</sup> day and November 15<sup>th</sup> being the 60<sup>th</sup> day, in accordance with the AG memo. Mark Forton second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jeff Schroeder from Planning and Economic Development advised that there should be only two methods to submit plans. Their preferable method would be submissions using the CCD Tool created by the State of Michigan. The second method would consist of 2 items: an 8½ x 11 marked map and a written list that has population totals for each district and how each district is broken down using specific census geography (whole communities, tracts, and block groups).

Ed Bruley made a motion to accept the Planning Department's two preferred methods as the official methods of plan submission and also require written notice to the Elections Department for either method. Lawrence Rocca seconded the motion. During discussion, Peter Lucido asked what happens with errors in plan submissions. Jeff Schroeder answered that plans that contain mistakes will be documented in a report by the Planning Department and be presented at the next meeting of the Apportionment Commission. The motion was approved unanimously.

Peter Lucido made a motion to begin allowing plans to be submitted from September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. and then reconvene the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> to review the submissions. Lawrence Rocca seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Public Participation**

None

## **Adjournment**

At 1:39 p.m., Lawrence Rocca made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Lucido. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Lawrence Rocca, Macomb County Treasurer Secretary for the Macomb County Apportionment Commission