

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

September 30, 2021
Scheduled Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Bonnie Scheele, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Governmental Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chris Cracchiolo, Noelle Moggenberg, Heidi Scheppe, Lisa Trombley and Bonnie Scheele

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Easterday

Hal Gurien

Harold Lassers

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23 2021 MINUTES

Moved by Cracchiolo, seconded by Trombley to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes with a correction to the spelling of Amy Teare's name.

Motion carried

DISCUSSION OF APPORTIONMENT PLAN FINALIZATION DATE

Bonnie Scheele indicated that there are two different opinions on the date of the official release of the census data. MCL 46.407 states that the Apportionment Commission must submit a plan within 60 days but not less than 30 days after the official published census figures are available.

Ms. Scheele stated that Attorney David Stoker of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C advised the Livingston County Clerk that they could adopt a plan prior to the October 11, 2021 deadline in case a court ultimately determines the August 12, 2021 as the official release date of the data and then hold a second meeting after October 17th but before November 15th to adopt the same plan again in case the September 16th date is determined the official release date. Grand Traverse County can follow this advice to make sure they also meet both timelines.

Moved by Cracchiolo, seconded by Moeggenberg to finalize the new County Commissioner District map on October 11th and again on October 21st in order to cover both timelines.

Motion carried.

APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION VOTE ON TOP 4 MAPS FOR CONSIDERATOIN

The Apportionment Commission reviewed the 10 plans that were submitted by September 23rd and 24th. After considering each of the plans, four plans were agreed upon as the final four. A vote was not needed as they only had four plans that made it through the scrutiny of the Commission.

Moved by Cracchiolo, seconded by Scheppe to have the following four plans considered at the October 7th meeting to be voted on to determine the final County Commissioner District map for Grand Traverse County.

County Clerk T-1

Treasurer B-1

Democratic Chair A-1

Lassers G-2

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Lassers

Rick Walter

Hal Gurien

Tracy Andrews

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chris Cracchiolo, Democratic Party Chair

Lisa Trombley, Republican Party Chair

Noelle Moeggenberg, Prosecuting Attorney

Heidi Scheppe, Treasurer (Vice Chair)

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk (Chairperson)