

Executive/Legislation Committee Meeting
Thursday December 16, 2021
5:00 P.M., Vermilion County Administration Building
2nd floor Chambers
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2021
4. Audience Comments
5. Resolution- RE: Second Amendment of the United States Constitution*
6. Resolution - Redistricting Map*

*Documentation to be distributed prior to meeting

7. Executive Session:
 - A. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
 - B. Pursuant to Open Meetings act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
 - C. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
8. Items of Information and Committee Concerns
9. Adjournment

Executive/Legislation Committee
Thursday, December 9, 2021
Vermilion County Administrative Building 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Jr., Steve Fourez, Steve Miller, Joe Eakle, Robert Boyd, Becky Stark. Absent, Kevin Green. Also attending the meeting were: Vice-Chairman Craig Golden, Board Member Mary Ellen Surprenant, Board Member Jerry Hawker, Darren Duncan, County Treasurer, Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant for Vermilion County, Lindsey Light, Chief Deputy County Clerk's Office, Robyn Heffern Assistant Chief Deputy County Clerk's Office, and Dr. Michael Fortner, consultant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Eakle moved, seconded by Fourez, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2020

Becky Stark moved, seconded by Eakle, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Redistricting Map Presentation by Dr. Mike Fortner

Upon introduction by Chairman Larry Baughn, a presentation by Dr. Michael Fortner was had concerning the required redistricting plan due December 31, 2021. Dr. Fortner indicated that there was a late completion and release of the Census for redistricting and as of now, in September there was released from the Census Bureau just enough information to complete the redistricting for the County. Dr. Fortner indicated the population changes required redistricting and leaving the current districts as is was not an option. Dr. Fortner explained that federal requirements and state requirements require weighing of certain factors and that he also had to be certain that any minority group that was of a certain percentage size of the population had to be accommodated to ensure at least one or two districts gave a fair opportunity for that minority group to elect candidates of their choice. Details of the presentation are in the attached report from Dr. Fortner. As a result of those factors, Dr. Fortner came up with two options, Plan "A" and Plan "B" and both options tried to maintain the same general size and boundaries of current districts to give voters some degree of consistency while matching federal and state requirements given the population changes and the required attention to minority voting rights. Plan "A" concentrated on maintaining whole Townships while paying attention to the forgoing and Plan "B" concentrated on equality of population for each district while again paying attention to the requirements noted.

Board Member Mary Ellen Surprenant asked about the precise lines of a district boundary and that was clarified by Dr. Fortner. Board member Jerry Hawker asked about the process and information provided and Dr. Fortner clarified his reliance on population numbers, minority voting rights and the federal and state requirements.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Session- No action needed.

Agenda Item 7. Items of Information:

Baughn indicated that he received the report from Dr. Fortner on November 24, 2021 and set this meeting up for a presentation. A separate Executive Committee meeting would be had on December 16, 2021 at the same time and place as this meeting to vote on the possible two redistricting options, and followed then by a full County Board meeting on December 21, 2021 to have the full board vote on the redistricting plan. Either Plan "A" or Plan "B" could be ultimately chosen as the Board desires.

The scheduled Finance meeting for December will be cancelled due to lack of business for that meeting given the newness of the current budget year which commenced December 1, 2021.

AGENDA Item 8. Adjournment

Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 5:36 P.M.

Minutes by: Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant