

MEETING SUMMARY
Redistricting Committee of the BOCC
10am-12pm
Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Attendance

Staff: Brian Francis, Assistant to the County Manager
Rebecca Herbert, Facilitator
Tracy Edwards, Administrative Assistant

Members: Aisha Dew, Chair
Bryan Holladay
Lawrence Shaheen
Arthur Griffin
Robin Bradford
Mike Walker
John Autry
Lee Teague

Absent: Antoine Dennard

Brian Francis called the meeting to order

I. Review of Key Facts

- A. BOCC Charge & Priorities
- B. Redistricting Committee's Criteria (the "wish list")
- C. Timeline
- D. Introduction of Plans Suggested for Discussion

Mr. Francis stated that Antoine would not be at the meeting today and said he did submit maps that he would share when they get to that point in the meeting. He said they would go through the handouts that were given to each member and answer questions. He explained that they would be completing a dot exercise that included maps that they wanted to discuss. Brian stated that the tool was on the internet to give everybody in the County and State the opportunity to contribute to this process. He said so far there were 85 different plans submitted. He said a mathematics Professor at Davison built a computer simulation program to draw maps based on the criteria set and he has come up with over 5,000 different plans. The Board reviewed one of the plans as well as the other maps that were submitted on-line.

Rebecca Herbert said this is the time for individuals to share why they submitted the particular plan but that they are not discussing the plan just yet.

Mr. Francis stated that he wanted the group to get the 85 plans down to a manageable 12 or so. He stated that he would provide the Board with information for the total population numbers from the Census, voting age population, racial voter age registration data, partisan voter registration data and all elections.

II. “Narrowing Down” Step 1

A. Red/Yellow/Green Dots

- **Red = Would not be able to support**
- **Yellow = May support; need more information**
- **Green = Would be able to support**

B. Members have 5 minutes to post the colored dots to the left of each plans’ name.

The Board participated in a dot exercise. Ms. Herbert explained the process of the dots.

III. BREAK

IV. “Narrowing Down” Step 2

- A. Prioritization
- B. Discussion

It was stated that the Board was able to get the maps down to 8 with some questions or more information needed for some. The maps were:

Alvy_Moore
also close, 12 safe incumbents
GerryFree
Mingerry
Pretty Darn Close
Stetson
Very Close 12 safe incumbents
zplan

Members were given an opportunity to explain their reason behind placing a yellow dot on various maps. Mr. Francis said within the next few weeks he would provide the Board with additional information regarding the maps that had yellow dots on them as well as other information that could be helpful in the process.

V. Next Steps

- A. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 14, 10am-noon, location 267