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Macomb County Apportionment Commission

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 8:30am

Location: Macomb County Board of Commissioners Auditorium
One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Public Participation (*limited to three minutes*)
- 5) Approval of Minutes (November 3, 2021 Apportionment Commission Meeting)
- 6) Discussion of Planning Department's Review of:
 - a) Plan submitted by Peter Lucido
 - b) Any other plans submitted by November 9th, 4pm deadline
 - c) Corporation Counsel's Office opinion
- 7) Unfinished Business
- 8) New Business
- 9) Public Participation (*limited to three minutes*)
- 10) Adjournment

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Macomb County Apportionment Commission

November 3, 2021 Meeting

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The Macomb County Apportionment Commission met on Tuesday, November 3, 2021 in the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, One South Main Street, 9th 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 10:30 a.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 (October 26, 2021 Apportionment Commission Meeting)

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

Discussion of Planning Department’s Review of Amended Plan Submitted by Mark Forton and Corporation Counsel’s Legal Analysis

Jeff Schroeder from Planning and Economic Development gave his analysis that the amended plan meets the requirements set forth by the governing statute and does not include any census voting district splits. Frank Krycia from Corporation Counsel gave his opinion that the County Charter controls the standard of review for Apportionment Plans. He stated that both plans

(Bruley Plan and amended Forton Plan) both meet the legal requirements and could be defended in court. Ed Bruley distributed his comments to the Apportionment Commission regarding Mark Forton's amended plan. A discussion ensued between Commission Members regarding the submitted plans.

Mark Forton made a motion, seconded by Lawrence Rocca, to approve the amended Forton plan. Ed Bruley made a substitute motion to approve the plan with the least amount of splits. There was no support for Ed Bruley's substitute motion, which failed for lack of support. The original motion by Mark Forton was voted on with Ed Bruley, Peter Lucido, and Anthony Forlini voting against and Mark Forton and Lawrence Rocca voting for. The motion failed.

Peter Lucido made a motion to allow the public and Apportionment Commission members to submit new plans. Peter Lucido amended his motion to clarify that members of the public could give plans to an Apportionment Commission member to submit on their behalf and the deadline to do so was November 10. Anthony Forlini seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Frank Krycia gave his opinion that any submitted plan could be considered and adopted, even if that plan was previously not adopted.

Peter Lucido amended his motion, seconded by Anthony Forlini, to extend the deadline for Apportionment Commission members to submit any plans by November 10th at 4:00pm.

Peter Lucido revised his motion, seconded by Anthony Forlini to extend the deadline for Apportionment Commission members to submit any plans by November 9th at 4:00pm. The motion passed 3-2 with Ed Bruley, Peter Lucido, and Anthony Forlini voting yes and Mark Forton and Lawrence Rocca voting no.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Public Participation

Susan Hier (Washington Township) spoke.

Linda Cook (Warren) spoke.

Michelle Wilson Merriweather (Chesterfield Township) spoke.

Cindy Doyle (Shelby Township) spoke.

Carole Chi (Clinton Township) spoke.

Jazmine Early (Sterling Heights) spoke.

Adjournment

At 11:25 a.m., Lawrence Rocca made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Pucido. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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

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