

POLK COUNTY TEMPORARY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
MINUTES of PROCEEDING
December 1, 2021

The Polk County Temporary Redistricting Commission met in open session Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carmine Boal, Jill Altringer, Marc Beltrame, Chris Coleman, Greg Lewis
STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Fitzgerald, John Chiodo, Ken Agey, Jim Harken, Ralph Marasco, Jr.

Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Auditor/Commissioner of Elections, made introductions, explained the new process (different from ten years ago). The Auditor explained the Commission was convened for the limited purpose of determining whether the county precinct boundaries needed to be redrawn and if so how the Commission proposed redrawing the precinct boundaries. The cities are currently in the process of reprecincting the incorporated areas of the cities. The Commission will look at reprecincting the unincorporated (rural) areas only. The Commission's precinct proposal(s) must be filed with the Secretary of State by January 15, 2021. The Secretary of State can make modifications to the Commission's proposal.

Carmine Boal was elected Chairperson, and Jill Altringer was elected Vice-Chairperson, of the Polk County Temporary Redistricting Commission.

Iowa Code information and map(s) were distributed and the Commission had discussion with Auditor's staff.

The Auditor's staff outlined the required precinct standards pursuant to section 49.9 of the Code of Iowa: 1) a precinct population cannot exceed 3,500; 2) precinct boundaries must be contained wholly within one legislative district, with limited exception; 3) precincts must be composed of contiguous territory within a single county and precincts shall follow boundaries of areas based on population figures from the most recent federal decennial census. .

The Auditor's staff proposed the possibility of reducing the number of precincts from 21 to 15.

The Commission took no action and adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.
(audio on file in the Auditor's Office)