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MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
JULY 7, 2011

A meeting of the Montgomery County Redistricting Committee was held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Election Commission office, 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 404. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ed Baggett. In attendance were committee members, Commissioner John Gannon, Commissioner Dalton Harrison, Commissioner Lettie Kendall, Director of Administration Phil Harpel, Planning Commission Director David Riggins and Administrator of Elections Vickie Koelman. County Commissioner John Fuson, Barbara LeJeune, and Jimmy Settle also attended the meeting.

Vickie Koelman presented the minutes from the June 16 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Harrison and carried with a voice vote.

David Riggins explained the major factors in determining new districts lines. These factors included retaining the number of county commission districts at 21; large growth in St. Bethlehem, North Clarksville and Sango; slow growth south of the river, New Providence, Ft. Campbell Blvd. and downtown. The Tennessee side of Fort Campbell will be divided into three county commission districts (new 8, 9, and 10) allowing for representation on the commission. A majority minority district was created in District 13 with 55.6% minority. Also, the 10% deviation rule was followed in the proposed plan. A statistical chart was provided to the committee showing population data and ethnic percentages for the proposed county commission districts.

David and Vickie presented the proposed county commission redistricting plan to the committee and explained various issues. David informed the committee that he and Vickie worked to keep the number of split city/county districts to a minimum to avoid issues for voters. Vickie explained to the committee that every attempt to keep current commissioners in separate districts was made. However, new District 12 will have Commissioner Nichols and Commissioner Robards, and new District 2 will have Commissioner Keene and Commissioner Politi. The four commissioners affected have met individually with David and Vickie to discuss the proposed plan. All commissioners were told that they will keep their current constituents until the end of their term in August 2014. It was explained that the plan will take effect sooner for other offices as their respective terms expire.

David and Vickie then presented the proposed School Board plan to the committee. All current School Board members are separated in the proposed School District plan. There are 7 School Board seats. School Board District 1 would be composed of County Districts 17, 18 and 19. School Board District 2 would include County Districts 4, 5 and 6; School Board District 3 would include County Districts 8, 9 and 12; School Board District 4 would include County Districts 7, 10 and 11; School Board District 5 would include County Districts 13, 14 and 16; School Board District 6 would include County Districts 1, 2 and 21, and School Board District 7 would include County Districts 3, 15 and 20.

Chair Baggett stated that there will be a public review and comment period for the redistricting plan from the current meeting through Friday, July 15, 2011. Written comments will be accepted until the end of the comment period at 4:30 p.m. Maps and statistical data will be on display at the Election Commission office as well as on the Election Commission website.

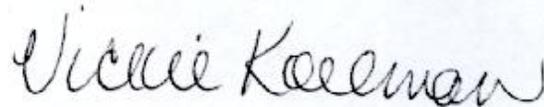
David and/or Vickie will be available for questions and explanations from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13.

Commissioner Gannon made a motion to adopt the proposed plan as a draft plan of the County Commission Districts. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion and the motion carried with a voice vote. A motion was then made by Commissioner Gannon to adopt the proposed School Board District plan as a draft plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrison and carried with a voice vote. The Committee asked Vickie to email the proposed plan maps to the County Commissioners, Redistricting Committee and School Board members for their review.

Chair Baggett will update the County Commission at the next County Commission meeting and invite them to review the maps and ask questions or make comments prior to Friday, July 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting set for Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Election Commission Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vickie Koelman".

Vickie Koelman  
Administrator of Elections