

At the organizational meeting of the Cumberland County Redistricting Committee held at 4:30 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2011 at the Cumberland Community Center, meeting room C-8, Cumberland, Virginia:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., District 1 Supervisor  
Timothy Kennell, District 2 Supervisor  
Van H. Petty, District 3 Supervisor  
Carter Harrison, District 1 Representative  
Deana Lacy, District 2 Representative  
Carol Miller, District 4 Representative  
Harry Donahue, District 5 Representative  
John Sanderson, Chairman, Democratic Committee

Absent: Elbert Womack, District 4 Supervisor  
Robert Oertel, District 5 Supervisor  
James Johnson, District 3 Representative  
Melissa Zook, Chair, Cumberland Republican Party  
Harry P. Marshall, Chair, NAACP

Also

Present: Lloyd Martin, Jr., Electoral Board  
Fozzie Moxey, Electoral Board  
Sarah Turner, Electoral Board  
Judy Ownby, County Administrator  
Marlene Watson, County Registrar  
Howard Estes, County Attorney  
Stephany Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
Andrew Sorrell, County Planner  
Bret Schardein, Planning Technician

County Administrator, Judy Ownby, called the meeting to order. After a roll call of the members of the Committee present or absent, Ms. Ownby established that there was a quorum.

1. Nomination and Election of Chairman

County Administrator, Judy Ownby, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Supervisor Bill Osl nominated Carter

Harrison for Chairman. With no other nominations, Ms. Ownby closed the nominations.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl, and carried unanimously, Mr. Carter Harrison was elected Chairman of the 2011 Redistricting Committee:

VOTE:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Kennell – aye
	Mr. Petty – aye	Mr. Womack – absent
	Mr. Oertel – absent	Mr. Harrison – aye
	Ms. Lacy – aye	Mr. Johnson – absent
	Mrs. Miller – aye	Mr. Donahue – aye
	Mr. Sanderson – aye	Ms. Zook – absent
	Mr. Marshall - absent	

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chairman suggested that this part of the agenda be bypassed in order to allow for additional items other than those on the agenda to be discussed if necessary. It was the consensus of the Committee to strike this item on the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes

N/A

4. Staff Reports

a) Review of staff research and actions to date

County Planner, Andrew Sorrell, informed the Committee of steps taken to-date of the redistricting process. He noted the following:

- At the December 14, 2010 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board announced the establishment of the Redistricting Committee and

asked the public to advise of any interest in serving on the Committee.

- At the Board's January 11, 2011 meeting, the Board appointed the members to the Redistricting Committee.
- On February 8, 2011, the supporting staff of the Committee met and discussed the process of the redistricting as well as the options of using in house GIS programs or using the programs and support offered by the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC), the County's regional planning district office. The County Electoral Board attended the staff meeting as well.

Mr. Sorrell concluded his report by providing the Committee with copies of census data and reviewed the census information received from the CRC, including the make-up of census block elements. Mr. Sorrell asked the Committee for input regarding using the CRC as supporting staff for the building of proposed electoral districts.

Without objection from the Committee, it was decided that the Committee would continue to rely upon CRC as supporting staff for mapping data due its better resources and impartial role in the process.

The Chairman requested that Mr. Sorrell provide electronic copies of the maps presented. Mr. Sorrell agreed to provide the Committee the mapping information.

b. Review of process and requirements

County Attorney, Howard Estes, informed the Committee that after each decennial census, the County is required by law to reapportion the election districts so as to allow for equal representation in each district. Jurisdictions are allowed a 10% deviation among districts. Cumberland's goal is to have less than a 5% deviation. The Department of Justice must approve the boundaries of each election district. Even if the County meets the 10% deviation, that alone does not

guarantee approval by the Department of Justice. Any deviations must be justified.

c. Review of proposed timetable

County Attorney, Howard Estes, provided the committee with, and reviewed the proposed timetable for the redistricting process. (A copy is in the official file). Without objection, the Committee endorsed the proposed schedule for redistricting.

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Committee directed staff to poll the members for the most suitable date for a meeting during the week of February 28, 2011:

VOTE:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Kennell – aye
	Mr. Petty – aye	Mr. Womack – absent
	Mr. Oertel – absent	Mr. Harrison – aye
	Ms. Lacy – aye	Mr. Johnson – absent
	Mrs. Miller – aye	Mr. Donahue – aye
	Mr. Sanderson – aye	Ms. Zook – absent
	Mr. Marshall - absent	

On a motion by Supervisor Osl, and carried unanimously, the Committee set a meeting for the public to review the proposed district boundaries and to provide for public input on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Cumberland Courthouse:

VOTE:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Kennell – aye
	Mr. Petty – aye	Mr. Womack – absent
	Mr. Oertel – absent	Mr. Harrison – aye
	Ms. Lacy – aye	Mr. Johnson – absent
	Mrs. Miller – aye	Mr. Donahue – aye
	Mr. Sanderson – aye	Ms. Zook – absent
	Mr. Marshall - absent	

d. Review of current districts, population and percentages

County Planner, Andrew Sorrell, provided the Committee with, and reviewed, maps and reports with the current census information for each district. (A copy is in the official file).

The Chairman directed Mr. Sorrell to provide the Committee with an electronic copy of the maps and reports provided at the meeting, as well as the racial make-up of each district for the 2000 Census.

e. Review of Census Block map

County Planner, Andrew Sorrell, reviewed the new census block map. In 2000, Cumberland County had 300 census blocks; now with the 2010 census, the County has over 900 census blocks. The additional census blocks equals less citizens in each block, and a means of equally distributing the number of citizens in each district.

5. Unfinished Business

N/A

6. New Business

N/A

7. Adjourn

On a motion by Supervisor Osl and carried unanimously, the Committee adjourned until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of

the Commonwealth Regional Council Building located at 1 Mill Street, #101, Farmville, VA 23901:

VOTE:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. Kennell – aye
	Mr. Petty – aye	Mr. Womack – absent
	Mr. Oertel – absent	Mr. Harrison – aye
	Ms. Lacy – aye	Mr. Johnson – absent
	Mrs. Miller – aye	Mr. Donahue – aye
	Mr. Sanderson – aye	Ms. Zook – absent
	Mr. Marshall - absent	

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Chairman

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County Administrator