



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT AGENDA**

October 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Apportionment Commission Virtual Meeting

Zoom Virtual Meeting ID:

847 5805 3114 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84758053114>

*Board of Commissioners Chambers, 2nd Floor,
201 W Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007*

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October 11, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Apportionment Commission Virtual Meeting

Zoom Virtual Meeting ID:

961 1619 8816 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86116198816>

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ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commissions was called to order by Chairperson Whitener at 3:00 pm on October 11, 2021.

ITEM 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Whitener led the Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3 ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jeff Getting, Prosecuting Attorney; Meredith Place, Clerk/Register of Deeds; Thomas Whitener, Treasurer; Mariah Phelps, Chair of Kalamazoo County Democratic Party; Scott McGraw, Chair of Kalamazoo County Republican Party.

(Commissioner McGraw joined the meeting at 3:04 pm)

Commissioners Absent: None.

Others Present: Beth Byrd; Chief Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds, Counsel David Stoker, Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashante Collins
Nicky Leigh
Tobi Hanna-Davies
Wendy Flora
Charlae Davis
Maggie Adams
Matt Smith
Cathy Phason
Andrew Lehman
Commissioner Jen Strebs
Kelly Doyle

Ebony Hemphill
Gwendolyn Hooker

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairperson Getting moved to approve the agenda as presented and it was duly seconded by Commissioner Phelps.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Phelps moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting as presented and it was duly seconded by Vice-Chairperson Getting.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

a. Plan submitted by Mariah Phelps

Vice-Chairperson Getting moved to adopt the resolution that the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission adopt the apportionment plan for the Board of Commissioners to be effective starting January 1, 2022, and it was duly seconded by Commissioner Phelps.

Discussion ensued.

Vice-Chairperson Getting stated it is important that the record reflect that the map was voted on previously at the October 6th meeting and was submitted to the Secretary of State Bureau of Elections (BOE). The BOE then requested, in addition to the submitted plan with legal descriptions, a resolution prior to the October 12th deadline.

He continued the purpose of the meeting today is to adopt the resolution requested by the BOE in accordance with previously established timelines for the Commission.

Commission McGraw asked whether a resolution needs to be passed tonight in light of the extension that was granted by the Court of Appeals.

Counsel Stoker stated late Friday afternoon the Commission was granted an extension.

He continued the extension means that the date of October 12th is now effectively moved to November 15th and the body does not have to do anything until then.

Counsel Stoker stated the map has already been approved and partially submitted, however there could be a potential motion to reconsider in accordance with Robert's Rules.

Commissioner McGraw stated the decision should be delayed until the Commission can participate in the community forum.

Secretary Place stated the Commission approved a map last week which was included in the public agenda packet available for public viewing before the meeting.

She continued that the Commission has followed Open Meetings Act, each meeting has been properly posted. She said the map has already been adopted and approved, and an email has been sent to the state as adopted.

She continued the Commission needs to move forward with the process and the resolution in front of the Commission and she that will be supporting it.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Whitener, Getting, Place, Phelps
Nays:	McGraw
Abstains:	None
Absent:	None

The motion carried.

ITEM 8 ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Whitener announced that he will be attending the virtual meeting that has been spoken about to talk about the map that has been adopted.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson getting moved to adjourn the meeting and it was duly seconded by Commission Phelps.

The motion carried.

Chairperson Whitener adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND REAFFIRM APPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE
KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, at its meeting on October 11, 2021, the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission by a 4-1 majority vote adopted the attached Resolution and approved the attached Apportionment Plan, reflecting nine (9) County Commissioner Districts for the 2021 Apportionment; and

WHEREAS, the Apportionment Commission has determined that the Plan approved on October 11, 2021 should be ratified and reaffirmed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission ratifies and reaffirms the attached 2021 Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Apportionment Plan reflecting nine (9) County Commissioner Districts that was approved on October 11, 2021 as the 2021 Apportionment Plan for the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to file the 2021 Apportionment Plan with the Michigan Secretary of State as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission hereby authorizes the Apportionment Commission Chairperson and County Clerk to execute any necessary documents and to take any such other actions on behalf of the Kalamazoo County Apportionment Commission required for filing and implementing the approved 2021 Apportionment Plan.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: _____, 2021