



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 1, 2021  
**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Office Complex  
4319 Expo Dr, Room 300  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Committee election of:
  - a. Committee Vice-Chair
  - b. Committee Secretary
- 4) Discussion and action on the number of County Board members for 2022-2032
- 5) Adjournment

Dated: January 27, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson  
Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARD  
SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS**

**Meeting Minutes / February 1, 2021  
Manitowoc County Office Complex**

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Jamie Aulik, Supervisor Jim Baumann, Supervisor Rick Henrickson, Supervisor Susie Maresh, Supervisor Rita Metzger, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Also in attendance: Supervisor Tyler Martell and Supervisor Norb Vogt.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Committee election of Vice-Chair: Supervisor Baumann nominated Supervisor Aulik. There were no other nominations. Upon voice vote, Supervisor Aulik was elected as Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

Committee election of Secretary: Supervisor Gerroll nominated Supervisor Metzger. There were no other nominations. Upon voice vote, Supervisor Metzger was elected as Secretary by unanimous vote.

Discussion and action on the number of County Board members for 2022-2032: Chairperson Brey informed the committee that there has been a change in the timeline due to COVID. The final redistricting data will be available after July 31, 2021 compared to the March 31 deadline. He then opened the floor for discussion.

Supervisor Henrickson informed the committee that after he spoke with a few of his constituents, they suggested reducing the number to 15 members. He also mentioned that the chairperson should not be a supervisor of a district.

Chairperson Brey stated that was not possible, the chair needs to be a supervisor of one of the districts.

Supervisor Gerroll mentioned at first he was thinking it may be a good idea to downsize. However, after he reviewed other county governments, he noticed that they are all similar in district size in regards to population. If we downsize, than that would be more committee work. He believes we should stay at 25 members because it does not cost that much. There would not be enough savings in a reduction of numbers.

Supervisor Maresh believes going to 15 members would be too small. She was concerned with the amount of committees and workload that would put on the members. It would be more than a part-time job if the number was lowered. For retired people, more responsibility would be fine. However, more work would discourage young people from becoming involved due to lack of time.

Supervisor Henrickson was concerned reducing the number would deter young people to participate in county government because they work and may not have the time to go to all the committee meetings. We want young blood on the board and reducing the number would not help.

Supervisor Aulik provided data packets which he used to provide his presentation. He stated that the number they are looking for was a flexible number. There was not a minimum member requirement, but there was a maximum of 39 because of the county's population. He presented unofficial numbers of municipal population from 2000 to the present time, which he stated shows a decline for the county. He informed everyone of the voting thresholds and voting efficiency by number of supervisors. He presented the number of supervisors for each county board in the state. He questioned the supervisors in attendance how often they are contacted by their constituents. He has not been contacted since he took office. He also presented the population analysis of the final supervisory district plan from 2012-2022, which shows the number of constituents each district represents. Then he acknowledged the various committees and stated some committees could be combined. This way supervisors wouldn't have to be on so many committees or the number of appointments could be reduced for each committee. He mentioned there are ways to work around having a lower number of supervisors.

Supervisor Behnke stated he liked the size where it is at with 25 members. The cost to have 25 is not high. There is a good balance between the city and rural supervisors. The committee meetings used to be during the day, but were moved to the afternoon to try to accommodate young people, but they are busy with work and kids. He believes his district size is big enough for one supervisor. He suggested the number stay at 25. He said maybe go down a few, but not to 15.

Supervisor Baumann mentioned we should wait for the census and then base the number from there. He was thinking 19 or 20 members.

Chairperson Brey mentioned we do not want to wait that long to set the number. We want to provide Planning and Zoning with the number now to avoid a delay in drawing the maps.

Supervisor Metzger stated she likes the board at 25 members and has enough work with the 3 committees she is on. If younger people would run, that do work, it may be a lot for them to be on 4 or 5 committees.

Supervisor Maresh stated she likes the board at 25 members as well. She mentioned having the separate standing committees allows for the ability to have a quick meeting before a county board meeting if needed. If we combine the committees, then the meetings may take longer. She believes the county board runs well with the 25.

Supervisor Aulik mentioned that to be fair to Planning and Zoning a number should be set. This allows them the ability to start creating the maps.

Supervisor Gerroll questioned how big of an increase in efficiency would there be if the number was lowered. It seems going lower causes a problem with workload and finding someone to run for a position. How are we benefiting by reducing the number besides saving cost on some salaries. He states 25 is fine.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz considered lowering the number as well, until he started to compare the city lines with the county lines. If there is no benefit to reducing the number, then stick to 25 members.

Chairperson Brey thanked the committee for the good discussion. He considered going to 13 members, but after the last few years that has changed. The way the city supervisors and rural supervisors work together has changed as well. Now we work together instead of against each other. The supervisors have a good attitude and look out for the benefit of Manitowoc County. Right now, the city aldermanic districts match the county board supervisor districts. He would support 25 members. People have started to show interest again in county government.

Supervisor Metzger made a motion for the County Board to stay at 25 supervisors, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Baumann mentioned that all the years he has been on the board he has enjoyed working with everyone and on the committees he served.

Supervisor Aulik stated that if someone asks him why there are 25 members on the board he would state that there are 85 appointments, which involve a lot of work. We are encouraging younger people to run without overloading them. He was supportive of 25.

Supervisor Martell believes the reason young people do not run is because they do not understand what county government does. The number changing wouldn't have an effect on the number of young people becoming more involved. He believes there needs to be more outreach to help inform the citizens as to what is all involved in regards to the County Board.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz mentioned he spoke with a lot of people as well and was shocked with the number of people in the city that do not know what is going on. There are a lot of ways people can find out when and what meetings are taking place. People need to make the effort to get involved.

Supervisor Metzger mentioned that she does receive calls from her constituents, however the calls pertain to the city alderperson. People think the county board takes care of city matters. They don't understand they are two different governments.

Supervisor Vogt stated there will be a lot of confusion in regards to the city aldermanic districts and the county board districts if the boundaries do not align. He believes this would definitely effect the elections.

Chairperson Brey conducted the vote. Upon vote, the motion passed 9-0.

Adjournment: Supervisor Behnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Baumann. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Backus, County Clerk



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

TIME: 5:45 P.M.

PLACE: Expo Merchants Building  
4921 Expo Dr  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Discussion and action on the Resolution Establishing Number of Supervisory Districts
- 4) Adjournment

Dated: March 9, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson

Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF  
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
Expo Merchants Building  
March 16, 2021

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Jamie Aulik, Supervisor Jim Baumann, Supervisor Rita Metzger, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Supervisors Rick Henrickson and Susie Maresh were excused.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Discussion and action on Resolution Establishing Number of Supervisory Districts:

Chairperson Brey presented the formal resolution that recommends the size of the county board remain at 25 supervisory districts. He informed the committee that the timeline is being pushed back to September of 2021 due to lack of census numbers. The WCA provided a proposed redistricting timeline that would delay deadlines until mid-2022 during a webinar. However, any redistricting timeline changes would need to be passed by the State Legislature. He plans to speak with Planning and Zoning director to see how this will affect the county. Supervisor Sitkiewitz moved to pass the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Baumann. Upon discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Baumann. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Backus, County Clerk



**MANITOWOC COUNTY**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND**  
**APPORTIONMENT OF**  
**COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Tuesday, August 10, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: **Manitowoc County Office Complex**  
**4319 Expo Drive, Room 300**  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of county departments.
- 4) Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the municipalities.
- 5) Discussion on the guiding principles for drawing district lines.
- 6) Discussion on population variance between supervisory districts.
- 7) Discussion on the redistricting timeline.
- 8) Adjournment.

Dated: August 3, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson  
Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
County Office Complex  
August 10, 2021

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisor Susie Maresh, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Rick Henrickson, Supervisor Jim Baumann, Supervisor Rita Metzger, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Jessica Backus, Associate Planner and GIS Specialist Andrea Raymakers, and GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson. Supervisors Jamie Aulik and Kevin Behnke were excused.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of county departments:

Chairperson Brey handed the discussion over to County Clerk Backus who informed the committee that Associate Planner Raymakers and GIS Coordinator Randerson would work together to create the twenty-five supervisory districts once the census numbers are received from the federal government.

The County Clerk's Office will work with Planning and Zoning in regards to any questions they may have while drawing the lines and with the municipalities in coordinating timelines and resolutions/ordinances.

Supervisor Baumann questioned the population on the reports Planning and Zoning provided. GIS Coordinator Randerson provided the formulas they must use when it comes to spreading the population out for each district.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz questioned if the County works on the City of Manitowoc's districting. Associate Planner Raymakers responded the County provides the City with the tentative county supervisory district plan. The City will then try to line the aldermanic districts with the supervisory districts.

Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the municipalities:

Clerk Backus informed the committee that for the 2011 redistricting, the County reached out to the municipalities, with great success, to see if they would like County Planning and Zoning to draw their ward boundaries. She has reached out to the municipal clerks in regards to County Planning and Zoning drawing the ward boundaries again for 2021 redistricting. As of today, a majority of the towns and villages would like assistance from the County Planning and Zoning Department with drawing the boundaries. The City of Two Rivers is an at-large council, which means they do not have aldermanic districts. They would like Planning and Zoning to draw their ward boundaries for them. The City of Kiel would like their aldermanic districts drawn by Planning and Zoning as well. The City of Manitowoc will draw their aldermanic districts after they receive the tentative county supervisory district plan.

Clerk Backus and Planning and Zoning would work together to send the ward boundaries map along with a resolution to each municipal clerk after the tentative county supervisory district plan is passed by the County Board at the September 21 meeting. The municipal clerks would then present it to the Town or Village Board, or City Council for discussion and hopefully approval at their late September/early October meetings. The municipal clerk would then send a copy of the signed resolutions back to the County Clerk's office by October 15. This would allow Planning and Zoning a week to make any changes before the final supervisory district plan is presented to the County Board at the October 25 meeting.

Supervisor Metzger commented that she did not like the fact that two supervisory districts were combined in 2011. She had to run against the other supervisor because of the combination. Associate Planner Raymakers mentioned the City sent their plan back with the aldermanic district that did not match the county supervisory district. She had to move the lines to coordinate the two. Clerk Backus also mentioned if this wouldn't have been done it would have created two supervisory district ballots for the one polling location causing confusion to the voter and poll workers.

Discussion on the guiding principles for drawing district lines:

GIS Coordinator Randerson mentioned he and Associate Planner Raymakers have taken the virtual trainings with Legislative Technology Services Bureau to prepare for the redistricting. He went through the timeline that they provided with the five stages that need to take place. Stage zero is geometry errors or annexation fixes. Stage one is the supervisory district plan. Stage two is the municipal ward plans. Stage three is reconciliation between the supervisory districts and ward plans. The last stage is the aldermanic plans. The principles for drawing the district lines are based off of contiguity, compactness, population variance, and preservation of communities of interest. Associate Planner Raymakers went over her handout of the definitions of each principle. She explained apportionment; when the maximum population deviation between the largest and smallest district is less than ten percent, a state or local legislative map presumptively complies with the one-person, one-vote rules. We have to follow that ten percent.

Supervisor Baumann questioned whether the populations were correct on the handout. Associate Planner Raymakers informed him the handout is the 2010 census numbers and not the current numbers. She used 2010 as an example of what the diagram will look like when the maps are drawn.

Discussion on the redistricting timeline:

Chairperson Brey presented the redistricting timeline. The one thing we have to wait for is the census numbers and once we receive those the drawing can begin. We are hoping the numbers will be sent by August 23. Clerk Backus mentioned only one map should be drawn. Associate Planner Raymakers said they can do that and then move lines on that one map where necessary. Also, with the supervisory district number staying at twenty-five, they could bring in the 2011 map and make any necessary changes from there as well. Chairperson Brey asked to have the new 2021 map and the 2011 map at the next meeting which would allow everyone to see where and why changes may have been made.

Chairperson Brey has a lot of confidence that Planning and Zoning will be able to get the maps drawn quickly to stay on the timeline.

Adjournment: Supervisor Baumann moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Sitkiewitz. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, County Clerk



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Tuesday, August 31, 2021  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex  
4319 Expo Dr, Room 300  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Discussion and possible action on potential supervisory district maps.
- 4) Adjournment.

Dated: August 25, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson  
Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
Manitowoc County Office Complex  
August 31, 2021

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisors Jamie Aulik, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Susie Maresh, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Rick Henrickson, Supervisor Jim Baumann, Supervisor Rita Metzger, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Jessica Backus, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Planning and Zoning Director Tim Ryan, Associate Planner and GIS Specialist Andrea Raymakers, GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson, and Supervisor Dave Dyzak.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion on potential supervisory district maps:

Chairperson Brey informed the committee the reason for this meeting was because the census numbers were received and they need to discuss how many supervisory districts should be representing the City of Manitowoc.

GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson informed the committee that with the census numbers received for the City of Manitowoc population compared to everyone in the rest of the County it would be impossible to stay under the 10% deviation if we stay with ten supervisory districts for the City. We experimented with a few maps showing ten districts, ten and half districts and some with eleven districts in the City of Manitowoc. The current plan that was created in 2011 was showing a 28.24% deviation unaltered. According to Legislative Reference Bureau's guidelines this would be a lot higher than the recommended 10% or less.

Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad mentioned the main focus for the meeting was to discuss the number of supervisory districts that should be representing the City of Manitowoc. Then everything can fall into place from there.

Supervisor Jamie Aulik questioned if the City of Manitowoc gained population. GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson informed him the City of Manitowoc and Two Rivers lost population, City of Kiel and most Towns gained population. GIS Specialist Andrea Raymakers believed the deviation was not met when the maps were drawn ten years ago. It isn't necessarily if the City lost or gained population, it was that deviation was not met.

Supervisor Behnke mentioned the maps were based on population numbers and trying to keep each district close in population. The Supervisory Districts in the City of Manitowoc and their Aldermanic Districts were drawn the same to keep the maps clean for the voters. Chairperson Brey agreed that was the biggest concern, keeping the maps easy to understand for the voters.

Supervisor Aulik questioned if the City of Manitowoc would want eleven supervisory districts or to create another aldermanic district to make district lines match between the County and City to make it less confusing for the voters. Chairperson Brey mentioned he does not believe the City Common Council would want to expand to eleven aldermanic districts. However, if it came up for discussion at the City level, they would discuss their options at that time.

GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson showed a few plans he had created for ten supervisory districts versus eleven supervisory districts. The main point was the deviation will be higher if the City stays at ten supervisory districts.

Supervisor Aulik questioned if this committee believed it is important for the voters to have the County's ten supervisory districts match the City's ten aldermanic districts, and whether that would be a valid defense in regards to a higher deviation. Corporation Counsel Conrad believed it would provide a base to defend the ten supervisory districts in the City and the higher deviation.

Supervisor Gerroll believed this would be a common sense argument because it is beneficial to our voters. Supervisor Aulik agreed because the more supervisory districts you put in the city the more confused it becomes for the voter to know what supervisory district they belong to, which might not match the aldermanic district. The voters are used to the supervisory district matching the aldermanic district at the spring elections. If they do not match, then the poll workers would have more ballot styles to keep organized and make sure they hand out the correct ballot to the voter. If there are three or four sets of ballots on a table, instead of the one ballot they are used to, this will confuse poll workers and voters.

Supervisor Maresh questioned if there were eleven supervisory districts assigned to the City of Manitowoc, how that affects the rest of the County's supervisory districts since the supervisory district number is set at twenty-five. Chairperson Brey mentioned if the City would have eleven and the rest of the county would have fourteen the districts would all shift.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz questioned what the deviations were when there were eleven districts. GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson had an eleven supervisory district plan with 8.7% deviation and a ten supervisory district plan with 13.95% deviation as two examples.

Chairperson Brey believed problems will arise if eleven supervisory district are created in the City of Manitowoc. He does not want to create any more confusion in a polling location for the city, villages or towns. He advocated for the City of Manitowoc to stay at ten supervisory districts.

Supervisor Gerroll agreed to stay with ten supervisory districts in the City.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz agreed as well to avoid confusion at the polls and for the voter.

Supervisor Behnke mentioned that is why the maps were drawn like they were ten years ago, to make it easier for the voter. It is not political, it is easier for the polls, the poll workers, the ballots, and the voters. The voters are well represented through the twenty-five members of the board.

Chairperson Brey questioned if keeping the ten districts will shift a problem to the other municipalities. GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson informed the committee that he has not seen any major problems. The plans he created follow roads, rivers, and municipal boundaries.

Corporation Counsel mentioned if there are high deviation issues, then we need to work to keep the deviation down, even if means incumbents are no longer in the district.

Chairperson Brey would like to see the lines drawn close to how they are now, with twenty-five supervisory districts and ten of those representing the City of Manitowoc.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sitkiewitz moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, County Clerk



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Monday, September 13, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: The Heritage Center  
County Board Meeting Room  
1701 Michigan Ave  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Discussion and possible action on Tentative County Board Supervisory District Plan.
- 4) Adjournment.

Dated: September 8, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson  
Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

Heritage Center  
September 13, 2021

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisor Jamie Aulik, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Susie Maresh, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Jim Baumann, Supervisor Rita Metzger, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Jessica Backus, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Planning and Zoning Director Tim Ryan, Associate Planner and GIS Specialist Andrea Raymakers, GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson, and Supervisor Tyler Martell. Supervisor Rick Henrickson was excused.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on Tentative County Board Supervisory District Plan:

Chairperson Brey turned it over to GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson who informed the committee that three County plans and two City of Manitowoc plans were created. The City and County plans are interchangeable; whichever City plan is selected would be drawn within the selected County plan.

The three County plans presented focus on the rural areas, City of Kiel and City of Two Rivers.

County Plan A had the lowest deviation of 13.18% and a similar supervisory district layout to the current map with the exception of Supervisory District 15 and 18. Supervisory District 18 shifted west to include Town of Cato and Rockland. Supervisory District 15 moved south to include Town of Liberty and Eaton and the Village of Valders. This plan would not create extra ballots for even year spring elections.

County Plan B had the highest deviation of 14.32% and was very different from the current map. All but one supervisory district shifted in some way. The City of Two Rivers and Town of Two Rivers would have four supervisory districts. This plan would not create extra ballots for the even year spring elections.

County Plan C had a deviation of 13.4% and changed the least from the current map. The biggest change was within the Town of Meeme. Supervisory District 12 and 13 have run vertically in past maps', this map has those two districts running horizontally to match the current legislative lines. This would create less wards for the municipality, if and only if the legislative lines are drawn the same as the current lines. There is no guarantee the lines would be drawn as they are now. This plan would create two extra ballots for the even year spring elections.

Supervisor Aulik mentioned he preferred County Plan C because there isn't a compelling reason to alter the district lines if the population fits within the guidelines.

Supervisor Gerroll agreed with Supervisor Aulik.

GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson presented the two City of Manitowoc plans that both have a .03% deviation.

City Plan A had the most changes with a portion of Supervisory District 10 moving south of Waldo, a portion of Supervisory District 6 moving north of Waldo, a portion of Supervisory District 8 moving northeast over Supervisory District 2 and portions of Supervisory Districts 4 and 5 moving north of the Manitowoc River.

City Plan B had a few minor shifts. The most significant shift was Supervisory District 3 moving north of Waldo. Otherwise the dividing line for most districts were the Manitowoc River and Waldo Blvd. This map had a similar layout to the current map for the City.

Chairperson Brey preferred City Plan A.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz preferred City Plan A as well.

Corporation Counsel questioned if the legislative lines are drawn different than what County Plan C would anticipate, would that create more ballots for the Town of Meeme. Clerk Backus said it would not because the Supervisory District contests take place in spring. The Legislative contests take place in fall. This map change would make it easier for the poll workers and the voters because the poll books would be consistent with ward numbers for the spring and fall elections if the supervisory district lines ran the same way as the legislative lines. Right now, the spring election poll books and ballots are split as Wards 1 & 2 because those are the wards in Supervisory District 13, then the other book is Wards 3 & 4 for Supervisory District 12. The fall election poll books and ballots are split by Assembly District as Wards 1 & 4, then Wards 2 & 3. Supervisor Aulik mentioned ten years ago, the State was supposed to take what the County provided for maps. However, the state trumped the County, thus creating four wards for Meeme versus the two that were originally drawn. Ultimately, the State should take what the County gives them and draw the legislative lines from there. Corporation Counsel mentioned this line could change. He would prefer not to use a plan with a little higher deviation not knowing what the State intends to do with the legislative lines. Plan A would be the better choice because it is the lowest deviation.

Supervisor Behnke preferred County Plan A over the other plans, there isn't an increase of ballots, the deviation is lower, and the uniformity looks the best.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Gerroll to select County Plan A for the rural areas, City of Kiel and Two Rivers. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sitkiewitz moved, seconded by Supervisor Metzger to select City Plan A for the City of Manitowoc. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey informed the committee the Public Hearing for the Tentative Supervisory District Plan will be held by the County Board next Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00p.m. before the County Board meeting.

Chairperson Brey and the committee thanked Matt and Andrea for their hard work on the maps.

Adjournment: Supervisor Maresh moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Baumann. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, County Clerk



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND  
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COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS  
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2021  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: The Heritage Center  
County Board Meeting Room  
1701 Michigan Ave  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Discussion and possible action on Final County Board Supervisory District Plan.
- 4) Adjournment.

Dated: October 7, 2021

Jim Brey, Chairperson  
Prepared by Jessica Backus, County Clerk

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUMBER AND APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

Heritage Center

October 21, 2021

Attendance: Chairperson Jim Brey, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Susie Maresh, Supervisor Rick Gerroll, Supervisor Jim Baumann, and Supervisor Ken Sitkiewitz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Jessica Backus, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Planning and Zoning Director Tim Ryan, Associate Planner and GIS Specialist Andrea Raymakers, GIS Coordinator Matt Randerson, and Supervisor Don Zimmer. Supervisors Jamie Aulik, Rick Henrickson, and Rita Metzger was excused.

Call to Order: Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on Final County Board Supervisory District Plan:

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Gerroll to approve the Final County Board Supervisory District Plan. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey informed the committee the Public Hearing for the Final County Board Supervisory District Plan will be held by the County Board on Monday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. before the County Board meeting.

Adjournment: Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Sitkiewitz. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Backus, County Clerk