



AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COUNTY CENSUS SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
Stewart Centre Conference Room
7th Floor
50 W. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL

- 1.0 - Call to Order**
- 2.0 - Approval of Agenda**
- 3.0 - Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2021**
- 4.0 - Public Comment**
- 5.0 - Old Business**
 - 5.1 Discussion on map options for County Board districts/precincts located outside the Freeport Township.
- 6.0 - New Business**
 - 6.1 Discussion on map options for County Board districts/precincts located within the Freeport Township.
- 7.0 - Comments from Committee Members**
- 8.0 - Adjournment**

***** There is a Zoom Meeting Option for Participation:**

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**MINUTES OF THE CENSUS
SUB-COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting of the Census Sub-Committee was held in the 7th floor conference room at the Stewart Centre on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM by Committee Chairman Andrew Schroeder. Committee members present were County Board Chairman William Hadley, Mike Munda, Ex-Officio, Randy Bukas of the City, and County Administrator Georgia Newcomer. Present by Zoom: Garrett Miller, Renardo Weathersby and Samuel Newton. Absent: Vicki Otte, Ex-Officio.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hadley made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Mr. Schroeder clarified there would be no votes taken today as there are no action items on today's agenda, only options to discuss. A roll call vote was taken:

Schroeder	Aye
Hadley	Aye

Vote carried 2-0

3.0 Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2021

Mr. Hadley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Schroeder	Aye
Hadley	Aye

Vote carried 2-0

4.0 Public Comments

There were two members of the public present at the meeting and one member of the public and two Committee members on Zoom. No one requested to speak.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Discussion on map options for County Board districts/precincts located outside the Freeport Township

Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Munda had previously discussed map options for districts outside Freeport Township. Mr. Schroeder discussed the discrepancies in the population number by township in Option 1 and Option 2 of the maps. Mr. Munda revised the township population numbers on 5/17/21. Based on that information, Mr. Schroeder created Freeport County Board Districts Outside of Freeport Township by updating the numbers for each district and referring to them as Options 1A, 1B and 1C. He based these alignment options using the following methods.

- Methods:
1. It is conforming to state statutes
 2. It takes into consideration for minority districts
 3. It covers any other guidelines

Mr. Schroeder discussed each option. Mr. Hadley suggested all the maps be color coded and Mr. Munda said he would have them enlarged to 18" x 24" and in color by Thursday. Mr. Schroeder advised that a decision should be made at the next meeting. Discussion was held on the preference to not split the townships to keep things simpler for voters.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Discussion on map options for County Board districts/precincts located inside the city of Freeport.

Mr. Schroeder summarized the same methodology for mapping inside the township as he did for outside the city. Mr. Schroeder discussed the 1A, 1B and 1C map options. There was discussion on the loss of the population in the city by Mr. Hadley, Mr. Bukas and Mr. Newton.

*Arrival of Charles Hilton

Mr. Bukas gave an update on the census which has not been updated since 2010. He stated that there have been more homes torn down in the city than have been added and precincts have shrunk from 18 to 16. Mr. Bukas and the Committee discussed ward boundaries, population equality and block population numbers from the 2010 census. Mr. Schroeder reminded the Committee that the city can wait for the new census results but the county can not wait. He was informed by a representative that there are no bills in this session to change the state statute. Mr. Munda stated he will increase the size of the city maps and add color. Mr. Schroeder asked that Mr. Bukas provide options that have not been addressed in advance of the next meeting.

7.0 Comments from Committee Members

Mr. Schroeder said that since there is a slight chance the state legislation will intervene with the deadline for the state statute by May 31, he would like to wait to meet until June 1 at 3:30 PM. The three map options for the county and the city will be sent out in advance of that meeting. Board members commended Mr. Schroeder for preparing the three map options. Discussion was held about the shrinking number of board members from 22 to 16. Mr. Schroeder advised that unopposed elections don't provide as good of options, although Mr. Hilton stated the 16 will need to work harder. Mr. Schroeder shared that the last contested County Board Primary Race was in 2018.

8.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hilton made a motion to adjourn at 4:08 PM. Mr. Hadley seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote of 3-0.

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 3:30 PM
Stewart Centre 7th Floor Conference Room