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Friday, September 10, 2021


PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MEETING 2021

DATE: Monday, September 13, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Shiawassee County Surbeck Building
Board of Commissioners Chambers
201 North Shiawassee Street
Corunna, MI 48817
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POSTED BY: Caroline Wilson, Shiawassee County Clerk
Member of Apportionment Commission 

NOTICE BY E-MAIL ON: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021** TO:

Scott Koerner, Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney
Julie Sorenson, Shiawassee County Treasurer
Mary Nordbeck, Chairperson, Shiawassee County Republican Party
Mark Zacharda, Chairperson, Shiawassee County Democratic Party

NOTICE BY E-MAIL ON: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021** TO:

Shiawassee County Website – posted by Morgan Mowinski
All Shiawassee County Local Clerks in City/Township/Village Municipalities

AGENDA

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
Surbeck Building, Board of Commissioners Chambers
201 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI 48817

September 13, 2021 – 9:00 A.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson, County Clerk, Caroline Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Opportunity for the public to speak – 3 minutes limit

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 Apportionment Committee Organizational meeting.
- B. Approve the Shiawassee County Apportionment Committee Rules of Procedure.
- C. Approve the number of Commissioners for Shiawassee County for the next ten (10) years.

Discussion:

- User Agreements
- MiLogin
- CCD Apportionment Tool
- Final deadline
- Set schedule for future meetings

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Adjournment

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2021

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Shiawassee County Surbeck Building

Board of Commissioners Chambers

201 N. Shiawassee Street

Corunna, MI 48817

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The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by acting Chairperson, Caroline Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caroline Wilson.

All members present:

Scott Koerner, Prosecuting Attorney

Caroline Wilson, County Clerk

Julie Sorenson, County Treasurer

Mary Nordbeck, Chair of Republican Party

Mark Zacharda, Chair of Democrat Party

Public present: Pat Skvarenina, Diane Krajcovic, Rick Ross, Ryan Painter, Dr. Brian Boggs, John Plowman, Greyson Steele and Karen Mead-Elford.

Materials were distributed by Caroline Wilson.

Julie Sorenson nominated Caroline Wilson as the Permanent Committee Chairperson. Mary Nordbeck seconded the nomination. Motion passed, all in favor.

Mary Nordbeck nominated Julie Sorenson for Secretary. Scott Koerner seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

Chairperson, Caroline Wilson, moved to adopt the current version of Roberts Rule of Order. Mark Zacharda seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

Guidelines for apportionments were discussed, per attached.

Discussion of Per Diem for meeting attendance. A rate of \$65.00 per meeting was discussed. Ryan Painter will look into legalities.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Census numbers should be available in September. Mary Nordbeck moved to live stream future meetings and save for one year. Julie Sorenson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Mark Zacharda moved to hold next meeting Monday, September 13, 2021 9:00 AM, in the Commissioners Chambers, at the Surbeck Building. Mary Nordbeck seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Public Comment:

John Plowman shared the history of Commissioner Apportionment numbers, suggesting 7 is a good number, unless there is a big population change.

Mary Nordbeck moved to adjourn. Mark Zacharda seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Julie L. Sorenson, Secretary

Argument for Adding
Shiawassee County Commissioner Districts
2021 Reapportionment

PROS:

- For each of the points below, the level of democracy, that is, the level of representation citizens have in their local government, is enhanced from the current state:
- Adding commissioners would make it easier for each commissioner to be more responsive to their constituency because each commissioner would represent fewer people.
- Easier for more people to run for the office due to having fewer residents to visit, convince, etc. in attempts to get elected.
- Each commissioner has fewer committees, so that the time requirements of the office become more attractive for citizens who work full time jobs and/or have dependent children, are on other boards, etc.
- Each commissioner represents fewer townships, cities, towns, and villages. Again, this results in fewer meetings to attend and making the office more attractive to a broader swath of the public.
- More commissioners equal more variance of opinion and richer debate, diversity is added to the board.
- Reduced chance to lose quorum (due to vacation, other commitments, illness, death, etc.) when there are more commissioners.
- Reduced chance for cliques to form on the board to avoid the corruption we've been experiencing. When commissioners act only in the best interest of their constituency and not the special or political interests of their "good ol' boys and girls" voting bloc, democracy is enhanced, and the citizens of Shiawassee are better served.

CONS

- More cost to county; paying more commissioners