

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF CECIL COUNTY**

**MINUTES**

**June 10, 2013**

PRESENT: Commission members: Anna Maria Buehler, Phil Sneeringer, Gerry Carpenter, Diane Carabetta, Norman Wilson, Bob Porter, and Chairman Ewing McDowell; Jim Massey, Council Manager; and David Black, Dept of Planning & Zoning.

VISITOR: Joe Carabetta

Ewing McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes were reviewed. Bob Porter made a motion to insert the following: "Some members requested additional data before making a final decision. The motion was approved by consensus.

Evelyn Potter, Election Director, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. With her retirement at the end of the month, the Chairman requested that the acting director be requested to attend the next meeting.

Information was provided about the current voter registration by precincts. The Chairman asked committee members if there was any other information that they would like.

David Black from Planning and Zoning, provided a map based on Option #3, based on the current precinct boundaries. He also provided the population in this option for each councilmanic district. Mr. Black stated that he had tried several combinations and found that this was the closest combination that he could calculate for equal population distribution.

A motion was made by Bob Porter and seconded by Norm Wilson to approve of Option #3 as the redistricting plan. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 2. Other members stated that they would like more time to review Option #3.

David Black is to be commended for his outstanding work on preparing these options for consideration by the commission.

Commission members expressed concern that there is one vacancy caused by the resignation of James Crouse. A letter has been sent to John Ulrich, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee requesting a replacement.

Chairman Ewing McDowell suggested that the commission meet every other Monday in order to avoid having a meeting in August. The next meetings will be held on Monday, June 24, July 8 and July 22.

The Commission was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by motion made by Bob Porter.

The next meeting of the Redistricting Commission will be held on Monday, June 24, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Perryville Road at the County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

James Massey

Approved as submitted on June 24, 2013