

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF CECIL COUNTY**

**MINUTES
AS AMENDED**

July 23, 2013

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

VISITOR: Joe Carabetta

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

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously by a motion made by Mr. Porter, seconded by Ms. Howard.

Under old business, Chairman McDowell asked Mr. Massey to review Section 214(b) of the Cecil County Charter regarding the process of the redistricting plan adoption.

Under new business, Chairman McDowell asked Mr. Black to review Options #6 and #7, which had been sent out to commission members previously. Commission members discussed these options. Dr. Carpenter offered another plan (Option #8) for consideration by the Commission.

A motion was made by Diane Carabetta to approve Dr. Carpenter's plan as the redistricting plan. The motion was defeated by a vote of 4 to 6.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Roope, to approve Option #7 as the redistricting plan. The motion was passed by a vote of 6 to 4.

Chairman McDowell asked for an unanimous consent for Option #7 as the redistricting plan. However, Ms. Carabetta stated that she could not support it.

Chairman McDowell stated that he would prepare a final report to accompany the redistricting plan and schedule a presentation to the County Council. All members will be notified of this meeting.

Mr. Wallace thanked Dr. Carpenter for her efforts to prepare her plan for the Commission's consideration. Members of the Commission also expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr. Black for his assistance.

Mr. Carabetta was invited to make comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. *There were no future meetings scheduled for the Commission. Chairman McDowell is to prepare a final report for the County Council presentation.

Respectfully submitted,


James Massey

Approved on September 12, 2013 as amended

* **NOTE:** Chairman McDonnell scheduled a meeting to review the final report on September 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Perryville Room, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, MD 21921.