

**WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
ON REDISTRICTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS**

APRIL 12, 2022

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Redistricting the County Commissioner Districts on April 12, 2022 in the Sebeka Senior Center, 104 E Minnesota Ave., Sebeka, MN 56477. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were: Commissioners Jon Kangas, Sheldon Monson, Mike Weyer, Bill Stearns, Murlyn Kreklau, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, Election Coordinator Joy Weyer, Red Eye Township Clerk Jeannie Arthur, Red Eye Township Supervisor Eric Komppa, Aldrich Township Supervisor Rosalie Miller, Ralph Miller, Tera Weyer and Andy Huhta.

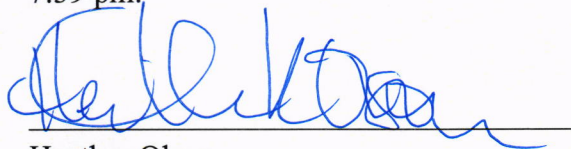
The purpose of the meeting to discuss the possible plans for redistricting the Wadena County Commissioner Districts.

REGULAR AGENDA

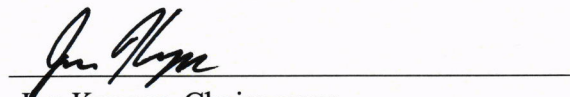
The five plans that were submitted to the Auditor/Treasurer were posted as maps on the wall and handouts of the proposals were available to those in attendance.

Public Comment Period on Commissioner Redistricting: Each person in attendance was given the chance to make a comment on the presented proposals. All plans presented will fit within the State Statues for changes. The cost to the county incurred by changing voters to a different district was discussed. Election Coordinator, Joy Weyer, was asked what her preference was. Because the fewest number of voter will be effected, she would prefer to use Plan A where 731 voters are moving to new districts. There was discussion on pros and cons of the different proposals. The general consensus at the end of the meeting was to approve plan D. This plan will make Leaf River township one precinct in District 1. District 4 will gain Red Eye and Meadow Townships and lose Huntersville Township and ½ of Leaf River Township. District 5 will gain Huntersville Township and lose Red Eye and Meadow Townships. This plan will keep the majority of the Menahga school district in Commissioner District 5. This was suggested as a good plan because these residents already have something in common.

Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Kreklau to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.



Heather Olson
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer



Jon Kangas, Chairperson
Wadena County Commissioner