

Ingham County Apportionment Commission
MINUTES
February 23, 2011

The Ingham County Apportionment Commission met for their organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. The meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room in the Veteran's Memorial Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Bryanton at 1:04 p.m. and introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bryanton, Ingham County Clerk
Stuart J. Dunnings, III, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney
Erick Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer
Linda Lee Tarver, Ingham County Republican Party (by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Zerkle, Ingham County Democratic Party

OTHERS PRESENT: Janie Lee, Ingham County Chief Deputy Clerk
John Schlinker, Ingham County Chief Deputy Treasurer
Derek Melot, Lansing State Journal
Peter Cohl, Ingham County Corporation Counsel

Election of Officers:

Move by Prosecutor Dunnings, III, supported by Treasurer Schertzing to elect Clerk Bryanton as Chair of the Ingham County Apportionment Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Sandy Zerkle.

Adoption of Rules and Procedures:

Peter Cohl, Corporation Counsel, explained the Commission has 60 days to complete the process, Ingham County cannot have more than 21 Commissioners, 3 members are a quorum, motion passes with 3 votes, and meetings are subject to the "Open Meetings Act". Discussion took place regarding the criteria for developing districts and 11.9% was one of the criteria.

Prosecutor Dunnings, III, asked to review the decrease of population in the county and compare total County Budget over the past few years to compare commissioners against workforce.

Question was asked can a Commission member have a representative at the meeting and if member does can the representative have the right to vote. Peter Cohl, Corporation Counsel, advised yes a representative can attend the meeting but they do not have rights on voting.

Discussion took place regarding participation by phone. Peter Cohl, Corporation Counsel, advised the Commission the only reason someone should be eligible to attend

by phone is a medical reason or they are out of State. Linda Lee Tarver explained the reason she was unable to attending today's meeting.

Discussion took place whether there needed to be a move and supported after a motion was made. Peter Cohl, Corporation Counsel, advised the Commission if there is motion the motion needs to be moved and supported.

Discussion took place regarding Section 10 of the Rules and Procedures. Rules and Procedures should be changed to Mason Rules of Order.

Discussion took place regarding Section 5.4 of the Rules and Procedures. The Rules and Procedures should reflect the change as follows:

5.4 The Secretary's designee shall make and keep written minutes of the Commission. The Secretary shall preside at meetings of the Commission in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Tape recordings of each meeting shall be taken and maintained until the written minutes have been adopted.

Discussion took place regarding Section 6.4 of the Rules and Procedures. The Rules and Procedures should reflect the change as follows:

6.4 Notice shall be provided to the Commission members at the e-mail addresses provided to the Secretary's designee. The public shall be notified, in writing, upon request. Also, request of Open Meetings Act shall be complied with.

Moved by Prosecutor Dunnings, III, supported by Treasurer Schertzing, to approve the Rules and Procedures with the above mentioned changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Sandy Zerkle

Approval of Consultant:

Clerk Bryanton stated he spoke with Doug Stover, Ingham County Equalization Director, regarding 2010 Apportionment consulting. Discussion took place regarding keeping the work inhouse.

Moved by Clerk Bryanton, supported by Linda Lee Tarver, to approve Doug Stover, Ingham County Equalization Direct, as consultant for Apportionment mapping. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Sandy Zerkle

Approval of Software:

Clerk Bryanton stated the County could get a discount from the vendor the State of Michigan is using for Statewide Apportionment.

Moved by Treasurer Schertzing, supported by Prosecutor Dunnings, III, to purchase software for apportionment mapping not to exceed \$4,500.00. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Sandy Zerkle

Per Deim

Clerk Bryanton stated the Countywide Elected Officials are not eligible for per deims, but the two party chairs are eligible. Linda Lee Tarver stated she would not take the per deim from the County given the circumstances of the budget.

Discussion

Census data will go to the Governor, Legislature, Secretary of State and then Counties. Once County has received the numbers the 60 day time line starts.

Public Comment

Derek Melot, Lansing State Journal, questioned when Michigan might receive their Census Data. The Census Data website states which States information will be released that week and which States are coming for the next week.

Meeting Schedule

It was discussed that Janie Lee, Ingham County Clerk's Office, would contact members of the Commission to discuss a future meeting date. Consensus is to try and get as many members together as possible.

Linda Lee Tarver, Republican Representative, wants to make sure the Commission looks a variety of maps.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. Moved by Prosecutor Dunnings, III, supported by Treasurer Schertzing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Sandy Zerkle