

**Ingham County Apportionment Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2011**

The Ingham County Apportionment Commission met on Monday, March 21, 2011. The meeting was held in the Second Floor, Conference Room B, in the Human Services Building. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Bryanton at 2:05 p.m. and introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bryanton, Ingham County Clerk  
Stuart J. Dunnings, III, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney  
Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer  
Linda Lee Tarver, Ingham County Republican Party  
Sandy Zerkle, Ingham County Democratic Party

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Janie Lee, Ingham County Chief Deputy Clerk  
John Schlinker, Ingham County Chief Deputy Treasurer  
Dave Stoker, Ingham County Corporation Counsel  
Scott Hughes, Ingham County Prosecutors office  
Doug Stover, Ingham County Equalization Department

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion made by Treasurer Schertzing, seconded by Prosecutor Dunnings, to adopt the February 23, 2011, minutes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Comment**

Treasurer Schertzing announced there were 686 County Commissioners in the State of Michigan. The average number of Commissioners throughout the State is 8.27.

**Old Business**

Prosecutor Dunnings previously asked for budget information comparing the General Fund budget to the number of employees at the County.

Sandy Zerkle arrived at 2:14 p.m.

**New Business**

Clerk Bryanton stated that Ingham County's population is 277,633 based on the 2009 estimates. Dividing that number by 16 the Commissioners represent 17,352 residents. Clinton County's population is 69,893 having 7 Commissioners representing 9,984. Eaton County's population is 106,077 having 15 Commissioners representing 7,071.

Discussion took place regarding the number of Commissioners the Commission should concentrate on for the 2011 Apportionment.

Taking the same number above for Ingham County and divide it by 15 the Commissioners would represent 18,508. Dividing the same number by 14 the Commissioners would represent 19,830.

Dave Stoker, Corporation Counsel, state there is no advantage to having odd or even numbers on the Board.

The cost for one Commissioner is \$16,400 per year. Downsizing to 14 Commissioners would save the County \$328,000 over the next 10 years.

Clerk Bryanton introduced Doug Stover, Ingham County Equalization Department. Doug Stover stated it would take about 3 days to complete one scenario. He stated all of the maps are done electronically.

Clerk Bryanton referenced the e-mail from Chris Thomas, Bureau of Elections for the State, stating that the results for Michigan would be released this week sometime. The Bureau will send a letter to the County's which start the 60 day time line to complete the Apportionment.

Moved by Linda Lee Tarver, seconded by Sandy Zerkle, to concentrate on 14 County Commissioner Districts for the 2011 Apportionment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Prosecutor Dunnings, seconded by Treasurer Schertzing, to look at maps for 13 County Commissioner Districts for the 2011 Apportionment. MOTION FAILED

Discussion took place regarding 13 Commissioners compared to 14 Commissioners. There was a consensus that if there were fewer Commissioners there would be less diversity on the Board representing the people.

Discussion took place regarding the guidelines that need to be followed throughout the apportionment process. Most important guideline is the percentage between districts.

Motion by Linda Lee Tarver, seconded by Sandy Zerkle, to have Doug Stover come up with 2 different maps for the next meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding current Commissioners living on the boarder of their current Commissioner District. Commission will try and take into account the current Commissioner seats but realizes there may be two Commissioners in the same district after the reduction in Commissioners.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 11, 2011, at Noon in the Veteran's Memorial Courthouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board of Commissioner Room.

Commission agreed that Doug Stover should not take any directives from anyone other than the Commissioner. If he is approached he should contact Clerk Bryanton.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. Moved by Prosecutor Dunnings, III, supported by Treasurer Schertzing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.