

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE & PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the **Brown County Executive Committee & Public Hearing on Tentative Redistricting Plan** was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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**Present:** Mary Scray, Chair; Jesse Brunette, Tom DeWane, Bernie Erickson, Pat Evans, Tom Lund, Guy Zima  
**Also Present:** County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Supervisors Andrews, Buckley, Clancy, Fleck, Kaster, Schuller, Tumpach, VanVonderen, Wetzel  
Chuck Lamine/Aaron Schuette – BC Planning Dept.  
Fred Mohr – Board Attorney  
Other Interested Parties, Media

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i. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Scray at 5:30p.m.

ii. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor DeWane to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. **Public and Municipality Input regarding the Tentative Brown County Redistricting Plan 29-D Amended:**

Chair Scray explained that per State requirements, the County must re-draw legislative district lines every 10 years to reflect population changes as shown by the U.S. census.

Several plans have been studied as drafted by Chuck Lamine and Aaron Schuette of the Brown County Planning Department. Those plans range from 26 to 33 County Board members. After extensive discussion a decision was made for 29 opening that it would keep most communities intact. Brown County has approximately 248,000 residents, with the population increasing more than 20,000 since the last census in the year 2000.

**Open to the Public**

**Jerry Wiezbiskie – City of Green Bay Alderman**

Mr. Wiezbiskie stated he was against an increase from 26 to 33 supervisors, one reason being the impact on the Schmitt Park district he represents, in addition to possible changes in existing boundaries and on

neighborhood associations. He stated he would like to see representation stay the same in the city.

**Joyce McCollum, President League of Women Voters**

McCollum spoke for the League of Women Voters who support keeping the size of the County Board at 26 members. She stated it is their belief that any size increase would be unnecessary and add an expense of over \$36,000 funded by tax levy. She indicated that boards in larger populated areas have smaller boards and represent more population per district, specifically pointing out Milwaukee County.

**Anna Lisa Wager – Green Avenue, Green Bay**

Stated she would not support more than 26 members, pointing out reasons of added expense in tough economic times, noting that other counties work with smaller boards. She asked if minority population has been considered.

**Fred Monique – Green Bay Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Monique indicated that the Chamber recommends keeping the County Board at 26 members, pointing out that much of the contacts can now be done by e-mail, phones, etc., not requiring as much personal time. He noted that at budget time the Board has asked department heads and other contract agencies to do more with less, and suggested they now follow the same example.

**Ann Hartman – Representing Neighborhood Associations**

Expressed concern with neighborhoods being split and represented by more than one representative.

**Bert McIntyre – President, Village of Howard**

Stated he was against any increase in representation at this time because of pending budget cuts and increase in costs. He indicated it would be a “tough sell” when local officials are cutting spending and hoping to avoid layoffs.

**Closed to the Public**

- 2. Committee discussion and possible action concerning the Resolution adopting the Tentative Brown County Supervisor District Plan (29-D Amended). An enhanced copy of the attached map can be seen at [222.co.brown.wi.us](http://222.co.brown.wi.us), under County Board/Committees or in the County Board Office – 305 East Walnut Street, Room 291:**

Aaron Schuette explained the parameters which were used for the Planning Department recommendations. He explained that the state requires a decision from the County Board within 60 days of receipt of

census information (May 20<sup>th</sup>). That recommendation is passed on to the individual municipalities to develop their ward plans, with a final decision made within another 60 days. He indicated that consideration was given to developing a cohesive plan which includes boundaries of neighborhood associations, and any minority populations. This plan would create three additional districts, each in the western part of the county.

Chair Scray addressed the present salary of supervisors which is annually \$7,800. She pointed out that although Milwaukee County has less supervisors, they are full-time and have benefits. Adding three members would increase salary costs to approximately \$23,400 plus benefits, which all supervisors do not take.

Supervisor Zima who supports an increase to 29 Board members explained that if more are not added, each supervisor will be responsible for a population of over 9,000 persons. Adding three more supervisors would decrease that to approximately 8,550 and keep the current boundaries close to what they are presently. It would also maintain 12 supervisors for the City of Green Bay.

Supervisor Vicki VanVonderen announced she had been contacted by the communities of Denmark, Ledgeview, Glenmore, and Rockland who have requested the board remain at 26 supervisors.

Additional concerns were expressed by Supervisor Buckley of a decrease in representation to the city. Zima indicated that the plan can still be "tweaked", mitigating many of these concerns

**Motion by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Lund to close the Public and Municipality Input session and refer to the Brown County Board at their May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for further discussion.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:**  
None

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Lund to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel  
Recording Secretary