

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Special Meeting July 29, 2011
Public Hearing regarding Proposed Redistricting

TOM D. BONN County Judge
CAROL HOLCOMB County Clerk

JOHN P. CYRIER Commissioner Pct 1
FRED F. BUCHHOLTZ Commissioner Pct 2
NETO MADRIGAL Commissioner Pct 3
JOE IVAN ROLAND Commissioner Pct 4

Meeting begins with Judge Bonn leading the citizens in the Pledge to both flags. Then Judge Bonn turned the meeting over to Charles Kimbrough, an attorney with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, and Acosta. They are helping Caldwell County in the redistricting process. Judge Bonn addresses those who would like to speak to fill in the information requested on the sign-in sheet outside the room.

Charles Kimbrough and Manuel Mendez began by handing out Public Hearing Comment Forms. They request that if anyone would like to comment on the redistricting topic this evening to please fill out a form completely and return it to them. Mr. Mendez begins the presentation by referencing the printout of the Initial Assessment-Benchmark and the Illustrative Plans, 1 & 2. Mr. Mendez talks about the Benchmark information and the statistical analysis. He speaks about the one person one vote requirement for preparing the redistricting plans. There are two more key elements that the Department of Justice will be looking at. One is whether or not there is any retrogression. Also to make sure there is not any discrimination regarding race, creed or language minority. The court has provided data that they feel best fits the County and it has been used with other input, along with the Department of Justice Guidelines to create the Illustrative Plans and to evaluate from the choices and submit the one that best serves the County. He explains the changes, both on the maps and the population percentages on each Plan.

The following citizens filled out forms to comment on the Illustrative Plan of their choosing. They were Precinct 3 Judge Alfonso Campos, Mary Alice Llanas, John Castillo, Philip Ruiz and Tom Matthews.

Philip Ruiz is concerned that the Two Illustrative Plans that are being reviewed have left Commissioner from Precinct 4 out of his precinct. When redrawn, he believes that there will have to be another Public Hearing to approve another Illustrative plan that places him back in.

Judge Alfonso Campos believes that after 10 years tinier can not be voted out of his elected position because of redistricting. He would like to see State Highway 130 included in Precinct 3 and believes it can help to bring revenue. He is favorable to Plan 2, as it creates very clear and definitive boundaries and allows for JP Precincts 3 and 4 to continue growing.

Mary Alice Llanas is not pleased with Plan 1 because of Hwy 80 being used as a boundary. With Fentress and Prairie Lea being small communities, she feels it will be a burden on the senior citizens in the community and that the division of Hwy 80 will be confusing to them at voting time. It also creates conflict for Prairie Lea ISD since most students live in Pct 3. She states Plan 2 seems to be a better plan all around.

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Dr. Tom Matthews is concerned about Plan 1 and the issue of Community of Interest. He would like to see Prairie Lea and Fentress tied in with Luling. He asks why Precinct 2 is so large. He feels that Luling has been lost in the growth of Precinct 2. Would like to see it be decreased on the NE side, and be increased West to State Highway 130. The prairie Lea and Fentress community ties are closer with Luling. Dr. Matthews thinks the map should be changed. He feels that the voters have been done a disservice.

Commissioner Roland comments that Dr Matthews question about Communities of Interest was a good point. Commissioner Roland asks Mr. Mendez if that topic was considered and comments that we have a close knit community and that it will be fractured.

John Castillo felt that the public should have had more than 3 days of notification about the Public Hearing. He asks why there was not more notice. He feels that this item should have been discussed at a regular Commissioner Court meeting. He asks what the deadline for adopting a plan is and when the final plan has to be set in place.

Dick Wyland asked how the Commissioners Court narrowed down to 2 Illustrative Plans? Questions if there will be confusion among the citizens of who their Commissioners would be?

Mr. Mendez thanks the citizens for comments. They look forward to working on a final plan that will serve Caldwell County.

Judge Bonn closes the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

All copies of Public Hearing Forms and Public Participation Forms including handwritten comments will be included with these minutes for viewing.

_____ TOM D. BONN, County Judge

Caldwell County Commissioner Precincts

Initial Assessment - Benchmark

2010 Census Total and Voting Age Population

| District | Persons | Deviation | Hispanic % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total Population |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9,124 | -4.13% | 39.83% | 51.16% | 7.23% | 0.59% | 1.18% |
| 2 | 9,119 | -4.18% | 40.85% | 51.94% | 5.77% | 0.45% | 1.00% |
| 3 | 11,223 | 17.93% | 52.62% | 39.20% | 4.42% | 2.03% | 1.73% |
| 4 | 8,600 | -9.64% | 54.15% | 35.33% | 9.00% | 0.24% | 1.28% |
| Totals | 38,066 | | 47.08% | 44.24% | 6.45% | 0.90% | 1.32% |

Ideal Size = 38,066 / 4 = 9,517 per district.

Total Maximum Deviation = 17.93% - (-9.64%) = 27.56%

Commissioner and Justice Precincts are Coterminous

Some percentages may be subject to rounding error.

| District | Total VAP* | Hispanic % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total VAP |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 6,874 | 34.90% | 55.44% | 8.15% | 0.60% | 0.92% |
| 2 | 6,795 | 34.66% | 57.87% | 6.23% | 0.41% | 0.84% |
| 3 | 8,222 | 47.84% | 43.81% | 4.48% | 2.32% | 1.56% |
| 4 | 6,117 | 49.96% | 39.50% | 9.30% | 0.28% | 0.96% |
| Totals | 28,008 | 41.93% | 49.13% | 6.86% | 0.99% | 1.10% |

*Voting Age Population

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Caldwell County Commissioner Precincts

Illustrative Plan 1

Summary 2010 Census Total and Voting Age Population

| District | Persons | Deviation | Hispanic % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total Population |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9,919 | 4.22% | 39.70% | 51.26% | 7.16% | 0.63% | 1.26% |
| 2 | 9,372 | -1.52% | 40.36% | 52.51% | 5.64% | 0.44% | 1.05% |
| 3 | 9,607 | 0.95% | 54.20% | 37.58% | 4.27% | 2.32% | 1.63% |
| 4 | 9,168 | -3.67% | 54.47% | 35.19% | 8.80% | 0.20% | 1.34% |
| Totals | 38,066 | | 47.08% | 44.24% | 6.45% | 0.90% | 1.32% |

Ideal Size = 38,066 / 4 = 9,517 per district.

Total Maximum Deviation = 4.22% - (-3.67%) = 7.89%

Some percentages may be subject to rounding error.

| District | Total VAP* | | Hispanic % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total VAP |
|---------------|---------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7,394 | | 34.70% | 55.64% | 8.02% | 0.68% | 0.96% |
| 2 | 6,998 | | 34.12% | 58.50% | 6.07% | 0.40% | 0.90% |
| 3 | 7,092 | | 49.63% | 41.84% | 4.44% | 2.62% | 1.47% |
| 4 | 6,524 | | 50.11% | 39.64% | 9.00% | 0.20% | 1.06% |
| Totals | 28,008 | | 41.93% | 49.13% | 6.86% | 0.99% | 1.10% |

*Voting Age Population

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Illustrative Plan 2

Summary 2010 Census Total and Voting Age Population

| District | Persons | Deviation | Hispanic % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total Population | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total Population |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9,631 | 1.20% | 40.59% | 50.70% | 6.97% | 0.60% | 1.14% |
| 2 | 9,119 | -4.18% | 40.85% | 51.94% | 5.77% | 0.45% | 1.00% |
| 3 | 9,282 | -2.47% | 50.88% | 40.15% | 4.71% | 2.39% | 1.86% |
| 4 | 10,034 | 5.43% | 55.46% | 34.83% | 8.19% | 0.23% | 1.29% |
| Totals | 38,066 | | 47.08% | 44.24% | 6.45% | 0.90% | 1.32% |

Ideal Size = 38,066 / 4 = 9,517 per district.

Total Maximum Deviation = 5.43% - (-4.18%) = 9.61%

Some percentages may be subject to rounding error.

| District | Total VAP* | Hispanic % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Anglo % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Black % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Asian % of Total VAP | Non-Hispanic Other % of Total VAP |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7,229 | 35.52% | 55.03% | 7.91% | 0.64% | 0.90% |
| 2 | 6,795 | 34.66% | 57.87% | 6.23% | 0.41% | 0.84% |
| 3 | 6,901 | 46.85% | 44.08% | 4.71% | 2.72% | 1.64% |
| 4 | 7,083 | 50.64% | 39.66% | 8.47% | 0.21% | 1.02% |
| Totals | 28,008 | 41.93% | 49.13% | 6.86% | 0.99% | 1.10% |

*Voting Age Population

Some percentages may be subject to rounding error.

**CALDWELL COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REDISTRICTING ILLUSTRATIVE PLANS
SIGN-IN SHEET FOR PERSONS OFFERING ORAL COMMENTS**

| | NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE | EMAIL |
|----|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Philip Ruiz | 102 Stacey Lane, Lookout, TX | (512) 398-7185 | philpruiz@Austro-leu |
| 2 | D. Matthews | | | |
| 3 | John East 1/0 (city ward) | | | |
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Caldwell County Commissioners' Court Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate Blanks. Please type or print legibly.

PTB Name: Alfonso Campos

Home Address: 164 Church St
Maxwell TX 78656

Home Telephone: 512-844-1609

Place of Employment: County

Do you represent any particular group or organization? _____

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization: N/A

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Redistricting

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (items) _____

Signature: _____

Alfonso Campos

PLAN 1

(Transfers much of Pct. 305 to Pct. 1)

- Pct. 3 loses half of a large part of HWY 80. HWY 80 produces a significant caseload for Pct. 3 because the roadway includes shoulders that are friendly for making traffic stops.
- Pct 3 loses the potential growth that is promised with the eminent opening of SH 130, as this plan shifts SH 130 to Pct. 1.
- Pct. 3 loses Prairie Lea School.
- The boundaries go to great lengths to leave an odd shaped piece of land that includes Fentress and Prairie Lea within Pct. 3.
- Pct 3 remains biggest in population.
• and another (odd-shaped) at Northern most point

PLAN 2

(Moves Pct.3/Pct4 boundary Westward to HWY 183 in the northern part o Caldwell Co.)

- Creates very clear and definitive boundaries.
- Allows for JP Precincts 3 and 4 to continue growing.
- A more even distribution of busy highways among all four Precincts in Caldwell County.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM

NAME: Mary Alice Llanas
ADDRESS: PO Box 100 Fentress TX 78622
PHONE: (512) 787-7110
Email: manisllanas@yahoo.com

Provide your comments in the space provided below. Be sure and turn in written comments before you leave the public hearing. Please sign the comment sheet in the space provided at the bottom of this form. If you need additional space, you may write on the back of this page or on additional pages; if you do, be sure to number the pages in order.

Proposed plan 1 - drastically divides box 30^{at} using Hwy 80 as a boundary. Fentress and Prairie Lea as small communities and the division will be a burden to elderly residents by having them have to go far from residences. Also the PLISD has always been in Pct 3 and this plan will put in other precinct when all students live in 3.

Proposed Plan 2 - seems a better plan all around.

SIGNATURE: Mary Alice Llanas



Caldwell County Commissioners' Court Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate Blanks. Please type or print legibly.

Name: John Castillo

Home Address: 1106 Red River

Home Telephone: (512) 398-5117

Place of Employment: Tx DMV

Do you represent any particular group or organization? None

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization: _____

_____ Redistricting

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Redistricting

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (items) _____

Signature: John Castillo



Caldwell County Commissioners' Court Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate Blanks. Please type or print legibly.

Name: Tom Matthews

Home Address: 15709 FM 1322
Meridian TX 75666

Home Telephone: 972 252 24

Place of Employment: Retired

Do you represent any particular group or organization? RD 2 people

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization: _____

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Redistrict

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (items) _____

Signature: Tom Matthews

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