

## BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BRIEFING MINUTES

### Week of July 4, 2011

According to staff notes, the following items were discussed.

Monday, July 4, 2011 - No briefings scheduled due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. Indigent Defense  
Commissioner Ring Erickson, Commissioner Sheldon and Commissioner Lingle were present. Others in attendance included staff from Superior Court, District Court and Human Resources.  
Discussion of indigent defense including the proposal to create a supervisor position. Because Charles Lane was not able to attend and he has been assisting with the proposal, it was agreed to schedule another briefing.
- 10:30 a.m. Auditor Elections – New Voting Precinct Boundaries & Commissioner District Boundaries.  
Commissioner Ring Erickson, Commissioner Sheldon and Commissioner Lingle were present.  
Karen Herr, Amber Cervantes and Nicole Burgess from the Auditor's office were also in attendance, as well as members of the Redistricting Advisory Committee.  
Ms. Cervantes presented the proposals for the Commissioner Districts and the corresponding voting precinct boundaries. She explained that an advisory committee was formed to help with the process. Their decisions were based on state law and what is best for the community.  
There was discussion regarding the makeup of the advisory committee.  
Ms. Cervantes noted that under the new law the voting precincts went from a maximum of 900 voters to a maximum of 1500 voters. The plan is to go from the current 57 precincts to 37 precincts. She explained that the advisory committee came up with three options for new commissioner districts and each of those plans has corresponding voting precinct boundaries. She noted that the voting precincts legally only need a number but the County has traditionally used names as well. The Board will have to decide if they would like just numbers or numbers and names.  
The advisory committee members discussed how they came up with the 3 plans.  
Cmmr. Sheldon commented that he wouldn't advocate for option 3 because it would put two Commissioners in the same area. He felt better about option two.  
Cmmr. Lingle agreed that option 3 has two commissioners in the same district, which could be complicated. He thought option 2 was the best bet. He also noted that it would be better for people to know that if they live in the city they have one commissioner.  
Cmmr. Sheldon agreed that it would be good for the citizens of the city to have one commissioner to represent them so there is not overrepresentation since the city already has a commission and a mayor.  
Cmmr. Ring Erickson thought it was a good discussion. She also had some concerns about option 1.  
There was discussion of the pros and cons of dividing the city.  
Ms. Herr noted that the public hearing is on the agenda to be set for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. She reminded the Board that a plan couldn't be adopted until one week after hearing. She also asked if the Board had any direction for the naming of the precincts.  
The Board agreed that the old names should be used as best as possible.
- 11:30 a.m. Auditor's Office – Karen Herr/Theresia Ehrich  
Commissioner Ring Erickson, Commissioner Sheldon and Commissioner Lingle were present.

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2012 budget guidelines were discussed. The 2012 budgets will be distributed July 12; preliminary budget requests are due to the Auditor by August 9 and will be presented to the Commissioners on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren, Assistant to the Commissioners

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