

ANOKA COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

April 26, 2022

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Marcy Crain, Chief Deputy County Attorney; staff, and citizens

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Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution (incorporating Map B) and moved its adoption:

REDISTRICTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting county commissioner districts based on population figures from the federal census; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.135, subd. 2, requires that county commissioner districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes, the 2020 federal census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Anoka County Commissioner districts by April 26, 2022, and that commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners adopted redistricting principles on February 8, 2022, and has developed county commissioner districts in accordance with these principles and all legal requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County published a public notice for three weeks prior to acting to redistrict; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County conducted a public meeting on redistricting on April 26, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the map titled “2022 Anoka County Commissioner Redistricting Plan,” thereby establishing those boundaries as the 2022 Anoka County Commissioner Districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that districts have been numbered consecutively and shall be divided as follows:

- District 1 - City of St. Francis; City of Nowthen; City of Ramsey; and City of Anoka Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, Precinct 4, and Precinct 6.
- District 2 - City of Bethel; City of East Bethel; City of Oak Grove Precinct 1, Precinct 2, and Precinct 3; City of Ham Lake; and City of Blaine Ward 3/Precinct 2, Ward 3/Precinct 3, Ward 3/Precinct 4, Ward 3/Precinct 6, and Ward 3/Precinct 7.
- District 3 - Linwood Township; City of Columbus; City of Blaine Ward 2/Precinct 6, Ward 2/Precinct 7, Ward 2/Precinct 8, Ward 2/Precinct 9, and Ward 3/Precinct 8; City of Lino Lakes; City of Centerville; and City of Circle Pines.

- District 4 - City of Andover Precinct 1 and Precinct 2; City of Anoka Precinct 5, Precinct 7, and Precinct 8; and City of Coon Rapids Ward 1/Precinct 1, Ward 1/Precinct 2, Ward 1/Precinct 3, Ward 1/Precinct 4, Ward 2/Precinct 1, Ward 2/Precinct 5, Ward 3/Precinct 1, Ward 3/Precinct 2, Ward 3/Precinct 3, Ward 4/Precinct 1, Ward 4/Precinct 2, Ward 4/Precinct 3, and Ward 4/Precinct 4.
- District 5 - City of Oak Grove Precinct 4; City of Andover Precinct 3, Precinct 4, Precinct 5, Precinct 6, Precinct 7, Precinct 8, Precinct 9, and Precinct 10; and City of Coon Rapids Ward 2/Precinct 2, Ward 2/Precinct 3, Ward 2/Precinct 4, Ward 3/Precinct 4, Ward 5/Precinct 1, Ward 5/Precinct 2, Ward 5/Precinct 3, Ward 5/Precinct 4, and Ward 5/Precinct 5.
- District 6 - City of Blaine Ward 1/Precinct 1, Ward 1/Precinct 2, Ward 1/Precinct 3, Ward 1/Precinct 4, Ward 1/Precinct 5, Ward 1/Precinct 6, Ward 1/Precinct 7, Ward 1/Precinct 8, Ward 1/Precinct 9, Ward 2/Precinct 1, Ward 2/Precinct 2, Ward 2/Precinct 3, Ward 2/Precinct 4, Ward 2/Precinct 5, Ward 3/Precinct 1, and Ward 3/Precinct 5; City of Lexington; and City of Spring Lake Park.
- District 7 - City of Fridley; City of Columbia Heights; and City of Hilltop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be an election in 2022 for all Anoka County Commissioner districts and to comply with staggered term length requirements, the length of terms shall be as follows:

- District 1 - 4-year term
- District 2 - 4-year term
- District 3 - 4-year term
- District 4 - 4-year term
- District 5 - 2-year term
- District 6 - 2-year term
- District 7 - 2-year term

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county administrator is directed to file the redistricting plan with the Division Manager of Property Records and Taxation in compliance with statutory requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Division Manager of Property Records and Taxation is directed to complete the necessary administrative tasks to file the redistricting plan with the Office of the Secretary of State, publish a public notice in the Anoka County Union Herald with illustrative maps, and implement the redistricting plan.

Upon roll call vote Commissioners Braastad, West and Schulte voted “yes”. Commissioners Meisner, Gamache, Reinert and Look voted “no”. Motion failed.

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Commissioner West made motion to limit in depth discussion to two maps, offered the resolution below (incorporating Map C), and moved its adoption. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Look made motion to call the question. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2022-67

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Upon roll call vote Commissioners West, Schulte, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert and Braastad voted “yes”. Commissioner Look voted “no”. Resolution declared adopted.

The county board meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Scott Schulte, its Chair

Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.