

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A WORK SESSION PRIOR TO THE
REGULAR MEETING ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND ONE OF OUR LORD IN THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 4:00 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Rebecca M. Ringley	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Dean E. Raynes	Present
W. R. "Ray" Davis Jr.	Present
Julian T. Lipscomb	Present

IN RE: The Board members discussed draft redistricting plans in preparation for
 presentation of the plans at a public hearing.

Chairman Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Phyllis Katz, County Attorney, gave a general report on the redistricting meetings which had recently been held. Sixty-seven people had attended the meetings and staff had received many good comments which had been forwarded to each Board member. Ms. Katz reminded the members that 5% deviation is the benchmark but there are no iron fast rules regarding redistricting. The proposed plans also look at voting strength in an effort to avoid retrogression. She pointed out that when presented to the Department of Justice, §2 might be a challenge. She further stated the Supreme Court certainly would tend to be conservative.

There was general discussion by the members with respect to the four individual plans which had been presented to the public at the four redistricting meetings. Those plans included Plan 1, Plan 5, Plan 11 and Plan 12. Mr. Stanger, via computer, altered plans in various ways for the Board to see. Ms. Katz told the members that in thinking of divisions, incorporated towns should not be broken up. Mr. Davis inquired about communities of interest and wondered if that carried any weight. Ms. Katz pointed out the members need to be careful of "over concentration" of minority votes and need to remember compactness counts for a lot, i.e., how you have to travel to vote.

Chairman Lipscomb brought up Plan 5. Mr. Davis stated in no uncertain terms he would not accept this plan as it was based on race, four of the districts are "screwy" and the plan divides communities.

At the end of the discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to take two plans to the public for public hearing at the next Board meeting scheduled for September 10, 2001: Plan 5 and Plan 12 modified.

Mrs. Ringley moved to continue the meeting to the regular meeting in the Administration Building.

The members were polled:

Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Dean E. Raynes	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis Jr.	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye

The work session was continued at 5:57 p.m.