

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County held in the Board Room of the Hanover County Administration Building on the 23rd day of February, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Deborah B. Winans, Chairman
Mr. Aubrey M. Stanley, Vice Chairman
Mr. John E. Gordon, Jr.
Mr. Robert R. Setliff
Mr. G.E. "Ed" Via, III
Mr. Elton J. Wade, Sr.
Mr. Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator
Mr. Sterling E. Rives, III County Attorney

Absent: Mr. Charles D. McGhee

**RESOLUTION
HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REAPPORTIONMENT OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS Article VII, §5 of the Virginia Constitution and §24.2-304.1(B) of the Virginia Code require local governing bodies to reapportion the representation in the governing body among the districts of the locality every ten years in a manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS the County has recently received the 2010 population data from the United States Bureau of the Census, and the Board wishes to formally initiate the redistricting process so that it can be completed and approved by the United States Department of Justice prior to elections during 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hanover County Board of Supervisors that:

1. During calendar year 2011 the Board will reapportion the representation in the Board among the magisterial districts as provided by law and will submit the new districts to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

2. The Board will consider the following criteria in the process of reapportionment:
 - a. Population equality among districts;
 - b. Contiguous and compact districts;
 - c. Districts with clearly observable boundaries;
 - d. Avoidance of split precincts and split census blocks;
 - e. Preservation of communities of interest;
 - f. Preservation of basic shape of existing districts;
 - g. Political fairness or competitiveness; and
 - h. Voter convenience and effective election administration.
3. The Board will comply with the requirements of the Virginia Constitution, the Virginia Code, the United States Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.
4. The Board will consider public comment during the process.
5. The County staff will hold public information meetings, in order to maximize the opportunity for citizen participation in the redistricting process.
6. The County staff will prepare and make available to the public a draft schedule of redistricting activities which is subject to change by the staff or Board as necessary and appropriate. Any changes to the draft schedule also will be made available to the public.
7. The Board invites and encourages interested residents or other parties to submit redistricting plans to the County. Any such submission should contain a map showing the proposed districts and a statistical summary or analysis showing the population deviation among districts and the retrogressive or adverse effect, if any, on racial or language minority groups.

8. The Board invites and encourages interested citizens who do not wish to submit their own redistricting plan, to submit proposals for revising any plan submitted to or prepared by the County, and such citizens also are encouraged to provide oral or written comments on any plan or the redistricting process during the public hearing to be held by the Board or during the public information meetings to be held by the staff, to be considered by both staff and Board

On motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Stanley, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this Resolution as follows:

	Vote:
Deborah B. Winans	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
John E. Gordon, Jr.	Aye
Charles D. McGhee	Absent
Robert R. Setliff	Aye
G. E. "Ed" Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

The undersigned certifies that this is a correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated: February 24, 2011


Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator
Clerk, Hanover County Board of Supervisors

