

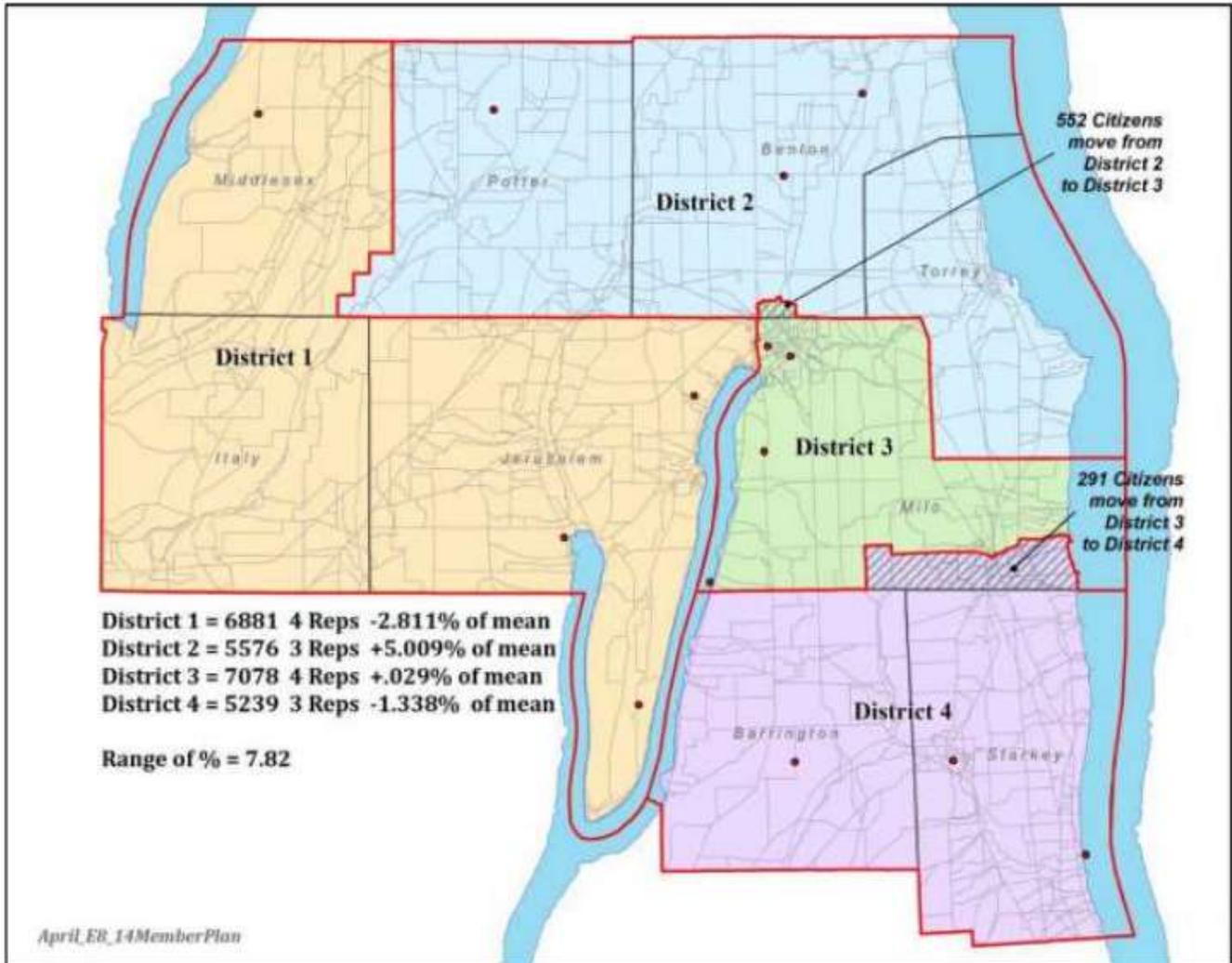
SPECIAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
May 3, 2022

Committee members: Ed Bronson, Rick Willson, Dick Harper, Carlie Chilson, Mark Morris

Others present: Leslie Church, Jesse Jayne, Bonnie Percy, Terry Button, Tim Cutler (Zoom), Doug Paddock, Dan Banach, Pat Killen, Nonie Flynn, Scott Falvey, Emilee Miller

Ed turned the meeting over to Jesse for his report on Redistricting/Reapportionment.

Jesse provided the following proposed map:



Jesse made the following comments:

As everyone knows, we decided we would look at the redistricting with a new set of eyes to maybe try to find a different map that everyone could agree on. I believe it was provided on Friday or Thursday for the legislature to look at. I know it was posted on WFLR for the public. I got a lot of good you know feedback I didn't really hear any negative. I did reach out to most legislators, they gave me opinions and I appreciate the opinions. Thanks Doug for looking over some of the stuff for me and the Committee for helping me out. We came, this is the map, we came up with, so our main concern was the deviation. None of us have a solid number on the deviation, as you can see the number 7.82. I talked to Scott Falvey, well Leslie did, and Scott

felt pretty good with the 7.82 and felt that it would pass muster as they said. And as you can see, on the map, you know we moved the minimal amount of people, we could be in a good number deviation and we tried to not affect as many districts and not, as many people. Compared to the old map, 455 less residents were affected and we did work off the Committee's old 14B1 map, which was well done and we just did a couple of changes.

Ed asked the Committee members for their thoughts on this.

Rick stated that this has minimum impact on different towns, so he will support this.

Dick stated that his only reservation is that he read that if they are changing lines already, then they should really be trying to get it as close to equal as they can. He isn't sure if they will have a problem down the road because they stopped at 7.8 versus taking a little more in that Penn Yan Benton district. He wondered if Scott had any input.

Scott stated that with regards to the plan that was presented to him with the 7.82%, in his opinion, after reviewing materials and researching, is that it would pass legal muster, they're not required to be exact. The case laws that he read basically said anything under 10% would probably pass muster. There's a case on point that found 7.9% was adequate. This would be if they had single member districts, then there'd be a little more stringent analysis that would be required, because the New York state statute requires something closer like 5% or less, but in this case there is no set percentage standard, and he does think this would pass muster. He is not concerned about this deviation. They could always get it better, but this will pass muster.

Bonnie stated that she agrees with it, it's just a modification of what the original or the last one was the B1, and she thinks that they should go ahead and put this in effect, bring it forward to the full legislature okay currently.

Carlie stated that this does address the concerns she had of representation in the village. They have lost the Benton legislators with their input, but they still have the Jerusalem ones, so there was a compromise there. The other concern she had was the huge amount of Himrod being taken away from Milo that has been compromised as well, so there's not as much of that district that will be removed. It is a better compromise and she can say okay.

Mark stated that he supports this and wanted something that had the least impact on the County, voters, towns, all entities. This is that option so, yes.

Ed stated that will be supporting it as well, and he wanted to thank Jesse for his work that he put into putting this together.

Pat stated he supports this and he appreciate the work that Jesse put in on this. He thinks this is the least amount of disruption to the existing districts and most people that he's spoken to seem okay with this. He appreciates the work that the original group put together.

Leslie stated that she would like to thank the original Ad Hoc Committee that worked on this project and then Jesse putting it into a compromise, she supports this.

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Joy Schank thanked the Committee and Legislature for coming together on this, it was very impressive.

Phil Rahr stated that he appreciates all the work that has been done on this, but he thinks plan C2, reducing the legislature from 14 to 10, is a better plan. It would save the County taxpayers approximately \$400,000 over the course of a decade. He also believes it would improve representation because it would create a 5th district. The other benefit of this would be that during each election cycle, each district would only have one open seat, which means that only the top candidate from each district from each election ends up seated.

Pat thanked Colby Petersen, Jeff Ayers, Rob, and Bob for all the work they did.

The consensus of the Committee was to bring this plan forward to the full legislature to be voted on Monday.

Scott stated that he can have the paperwork ready for the meeting next week, but his question view is in the law, he has to define these two areas that they are merging with the districts. It is his understanding, regarding the piece that's coming out of Benton that is anything within the village. The other one that he is going to need some detail on as far as great lot lines, road lines, something to be able to define that in the law.

Doug stated that in past local laws it just said voting district number one.

Scott stated that right, it references existing election districts, but this is like a brand new district. They can't do that here, these are not what they're proposing to change, and they don't exist as election districts, right now, today. He just needs to be able to define it in a way that elections will make these separate election districts at the appropriate time.

Bob stated that once a shape file is created for this then they have to file that with the state and file it on their website so that in the future anybody can pull down the electronic copy of each election district put it into their smartphone and walk around. Doing door to door, together with other data from the board of election so we're seeing campaigning shifting out of paper into electronic.

Scott is going to come up with a proposed local law that will come forward with a resolution to set a public hearing for the local law, Monday. Once the resolution is passed to set the public hearing, then after that public hearing, in June, they can vote on the actual local law.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.