



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Commissioner District Draft Map Next Steps

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Ballot Measure 9-173, approved by voters in November 2024, expands the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from three to five members. The two new positions will be elected at-large in 2026 for an initial two-year term which will begin in January 2027. The BOCC met several times between November 2024 and May 2025 to consider transitioning from five at-large Commissioner positions to establishing individual Commissioner districts.

On March 31, 2025, the BOCC voted to initiate the process of drafting Commissioner districts for voter consideration in 2026. On May 5, 2025, the BOCC majority voted to form a committee with members selected through BOCC nominations.

The District Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC) was comprised of seven appointed members. The County contracted with Neil Bryant to serve as facilitator and chair. The DMAC members were as follows:

Name	Appointed By
Bernie Brader	Commissioner DeBone
Ned Dempsey	Commissioner DeBone
Matt Cyrus	Commissioner Adair
Phil Henderson	Commissioner Adair
Andrew Kaza	Commissioner Chang
Carol Loesche	Commissioner Chang
Melanie Kebler	Commissioner Chang

During the December 3, 2025, the BOCC invited members of the DMAC to provide public comments on the DMAC process and recommendations. After reviewing the recommendations put forth by the DMAC the BOCC requested staff to schedule two Public Hearings, one in the evening and one during a regularly scheduled BOCC meeting, to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed draft map and the DMAC process.

The Public Hearings were scheduled for January 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and January 21 during the regularly scheduled BOCC meeting. Immediately following the January 21, 2026, Public Hearing the BOCC deliberated potential next steps for a Commissioner District Draft Map. A majority of the BOCC were in favor of continuing the deliberations at a later date.

The DMAC recommendations for BOCC consideration include:

1. The DMAC recommends the BOCC consider Map C for the district map
 - a. In favor of the recommendation: Bernie Brader, Matt Cyrus, Ned Dempsey, and Phil Henderson
 - b. Opposed to the recommendation: Andrew Kaza, Carol Loesche, and Melanie Kebler
2. The DMAC recommends the BOCC use a random process to number the districts
 - a. In favor of the recommendation: Bernie Brader, Carol Loesche, Matt Cyrus, Ned Dempsey, and Phil Henderson
 - b. Opposed to the recommendation: Andrew Kaza and Melanie Kebler
3. The DMAC recommends to the BOCC that if voters approve the map, then redistricting should occur after the 2030 census
 - a. In favor of the recommendation: Bernie Brader, Matt Cyrus, Ned Dempsey, and Phil Henderson
 - b. Opposed to the recommendation: Carol Loesche and Melanie Kebler
 - c. Abstained: Andrew Kaza

NEXT STEPS:

- Would the BOCC like to refer Map C to the voters as a Ballot Measure?
 - If yes, for what election date: May 19, 2026, or November 3, 2026?
 - If yes, would the BOCC prefer to incorporate language from DMAC recommendation #3 into the Ballot Measure?

BUDGET IMPACTS:

N/A

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Nick Lelack, County Administrator