

John Galusha, Chairman
Arica Andreatta, Commissioner
Karl Sporleder, Commissioner



HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

Date: April 4, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: 2023 County Commissioner Redistricting
Attachments: Proposed Map Exhibits A-D

Under State law, all counties must review their commissioner district boundaries after each federal census to ensure the districts are as equal in population as possible. Specifically, there should be no more than a 5% difference between the most populous and the least populous district in each county, at the time such district boundaries are adopted. Counties are required to use population data prepared by staff of the Legislative Council and Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Traditionally, this review occurred in the year following the federal census. However, significant delays in availability of population data from the 2020 Census due to the COVID-19 pandemic led the State Legislature to pass HB21-1047, which extended the statutory deadline for counties to complete BOCC redistricting until September 30, 2023.

I have reviewed our Commissioner Districts and determined that redistricting is required under C.R.S. 30-10-306. Currently, District 2 is the largest district with 2161 people and District 3 is the smallest with 1698. A deviation of approximately 24%.

Attached to this memo you will find four proposed maps for your consideration. With your direction a public hearing will be scheduled and these maps will be released for public comment. After the public hearing, you will give staff direction to prepare a resolution for new districts which you can adopt 30 days after the hearing. The Clerk and Recorder's Office has requested that we adopt new maps before July. My recommendation is that you set the public hearing for May 9th and tentatively schedule adoption for June 13th.

Requested Motion/Action:

Motion to instruct the Administrator to release the proposed redistricting maps and schedule a public hearing on *May 9, 2023* during our regular business meeting and set a tentative date of *June 13, 2023* for adoption of a resolution to implement new a district map.

Note:

District Number	Current Commissioner	Population as of 2020 Census
District 1	John Galusha	1863
District 2	Arica Andreatta	2161
District 3	Karl Sporleder	1698