

Timeline for the Re-Districting for Commissioner Boundaries

In the first part of March 2017, Brenda Farnworth, Clerk and Cindi Sievers, Election Deputy, discussed how long it had been since the Commissioner Districts had been reviewed for population distribution that keeps the districts fairly even. The districts have been the same since 1972.

March 27, 2017, Cindi reached out to Heather Wallace for the company that did the re-districting for the school district when they were to set up new trustee zones. Cindi made the call to contact Greg Carson at Quadrant Consulting.

After a time, Cindi was able to make contact with Steve Sweet at Quadrant who was put on this project for the county. We signed an agreement with Quadrant on 7/18/2017 for the project.

Steve took the original map for Commissioner Districts and sent the information to a third party who works with the Census numbers and maps out a proposed re-districting. The 1st map, received 7/31/2017, had two cities in one district. The Clerk and Cindi did not think the constituents would like a commissioner representing two cities. Since each commissioner now represents the constituents in their local district.

Cindi then contacted Steve and asked if he could have his contact map out some boundaries that she thought would work. The contact sent back the version 2 map showing that this would not work and put into the map the key population spots we were trying to set boundaries around.

Version 2a represents another point of view Cindi and Steve thought might work although creating odd boundaries. Steve outlined the suggestions they discussed to see if this idea would work along with the goal in mind and sent them to the contact.

The result was version 3. After receiving version 3, it was given to the commissioners for discussion in August. The Commissioners discussed district 3 surrounding the city of Shoshone. They wanted to create districts that would keep each commissioner in their local district while not keeping the wraparound created on version 3. Two ideas by Commissioner Rebecca Wood and Cindi were discussed again. The two ideas were almost the same with only minor differences. The final map with the agreed upon boundaries was sent back to Steve for a new map to be created. He sent Cindi a bolded copy to verify the boundaries were correct.

Now we have the final map that will be presented to the public.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers,
Chief Deputy Clerk