

RESOLUTION # 21 - 9 21

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 9-2				
BOARD ACTION				
Adopted: For: 2 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Abs/Excd: 3 Vote Req: - Other Action:				

RE: APPROVAL OF 2021 TENTATIVE COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT PLAN

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2021, the La Crosse County Clerk received the official results of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census of Population for the La Crosse County from the State of Wisconsin, Legislative Reference Bureau; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board is required to adopt a tentative county supervisory district plan in accordance with Wis. Stats. s. 59.10(3)(b)1, Wis. Stats; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Decennial Census Data established a total County population of 120,784; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Redistricting Committee has solicited and received suggestions from municipalities concerning the development of an appropriate plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee has recommended a 2021 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan for the 30 supervisory districts; and,

WHEREAS, under a 30 supervisory district plan, the ideal population of each district is 4,052 within the limits of the City of La Crosse and 4,006 outside the limits of the City of La Crosse resulting in 13 supervisory districts in the City of La Crosse and 17 supervisory districts in the remainder of the County; and,

WHEREAS, in the 30 supervisory district plan each district will be represented by one supervisor and all districts are substantially equal in population; and,

WHEREAS, in this tentative plan, the supervisory district with the largest population exceeds the ideal population by 1.92 % and the district with the lowest population is 2.12% less than the ideal population; and,

WHEREAS, the tentative plan, adopted by the redistricting committee is consistent with the following guiding principles adopted by the committee:

- District boundaries will have substantially equal populations with the least possible deviation, will be contiguous and compact to uphold the principle of ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE
- District boundaries will be drawn to minimize the number of municipal boundaries crossed.
- Wherever possible, district boundaries will be co-terminous with municipal wards and aldermanic districts
- District boundaries will keep neighborhoods, communities of interest, minority communities, political subdivisions and geographic and natural boundaries intact

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- District boundaries will ensure fair representation of racially and ethnically diverse populations
- District boundaries may consider incumbency, but should honor voter integrity; and,

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, a public hearing was held before the County Board on the proposed tentative plan; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan consisting of 30 supervisory districts complies with federal and state law for the creation of supervisory districts and is in the best interest of the citizens of La Crosse County for the reasons stated above.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board has solicited suggestions on the tentative plan from both the public and the municipalities located within La Crosse County at the public hearing held before the Board on September 13, 2021 and at meetings of the Redistricting Committee;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, after giving due consideration to the public comment and suggestions by the municipalities, the La Crosse County Board does hereby adopt the 2021 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan dividing La Crosse County into 30 supervisory districts and hereby authorizes the County Clerk to transmit the 2021 tentative plan to each municipal governing body in the County and request that each municipality create its wards in accordance with Wis. Stats. s. 5.15.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to the County.					
Date: 9/13/2/				Sept 13,2021	
Monica Kruse, County Board Chair			Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk		
Co. Admin.	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	Requested By: Redistricting Committee	
Fin. Director Corp. Counsel Board Chair	NEW			Date Requested: September 7, 2021 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel	
Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 13 Day of September, 2021					

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 13th day of September 2021.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk