

## **Report of the Temporary County Redistricting Commission (TCRC) to the Story County Board of Supervisors**

Pursuant to *Code of Iowa* §331.210A, the TCRC convened in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building on Tuesday, December 30 to hold a Public Hearing to gather input regarding the supervisor district plan created by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA).

The TCRC convened at 9 am. All members of the commission were present. The agenda (attached) was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Member Martin provided an overview of the process. The TCRC is not a decision-making body but performs administrative duties per the *Code of Iowa*. No action will be taken today. Any action on the supervisor plan will be taken the Board of Supervisors. Members Martin and Boeck were appointed by the Board of Supervisors and Member Ortiz by the Story County GOP. Martin explained that during the decennial redistricting process, the TCRC would draw the County's precincts. As the change to Plan III is being implemented due to the passage of Senate File 75, the commission reviewed the precincts adopted in 2022, accounted for annexations since the adoption, and forwarded the precincts to the LSA. The LSA draws the supervisor districts pursuant to standards in *Code of Iowa* §42.4. The public today can make comments and submit alternate plans to the TCRC. The legislation is currently in litigation which may affect the outcome but the TCRC is proceeding as normal. The TCRC sends its report to the Board of Supervisors which then accepts or reject the plan. Martin provided an overview of how precincts are drawn. Boeck added detail about how census blocks are drawn.

Martin opened the Public Hearing at 9:05 am. No members of the public came forward to speak. Martin stated that she, as she has done in during previous decennial redistricting processes, was able to come up with two other options to divide the precincts into districts. She presented these two options (attached) for the benefit of the public. She reiterated that there are only so many ways to equally divide the county into three parts, and that the City of Ames is large enough that portions of all three districts will contain Ames precincts. All three maps were reviewed. Seeing no further comments, Martin closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 am.

The TCRC, after brief discussion, decided it did not need to convene additional public hearings.

Martin offered to put together the report of the TCRC. The Board of Supervisors will receive the report and then accept or reject the plan from the LSA.

Ortiz asked what happens once there is an approved plan. He asked about educating the public about the changes. Martin stated, absent any litigation, an approved plan goes into effect for the June 2, 2026 Primary Election. All three seats will be on the ballot. Once there is an approved plan, the Auditor will draw lots to determine the terms of the seats, one will be for two years and two for four years. The filing period for county offices begins on March 2, 2026.

The Board of Supervisors regular meeting is every Tuesday at 10 am. Martin's goal is to have the TCRC report on the Board's agenda for Tuesday, January 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

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## **Timeline of TCRC**

The TCRC first convened on July 31, 2025 to affirm the county's precincts. The approved precinct list was sent to the LSA and the Iowa Secretary of State on August 5, 2025.

Story County was notified of LSA's plan by the office of the Iowa Secretary of State on December 8, 2025.

Date set for December 30 meeting after consultation with commission members and checking available dates for meeting and for publication.

Notice of the public hearing sent on December 16, 2025, and was published on December 24 (Ames Tribune) and 25 (Tri-County Times, Nevada Journal, Story City Herald).

The TCRC held its Public Hearing on December 30, 2025.

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