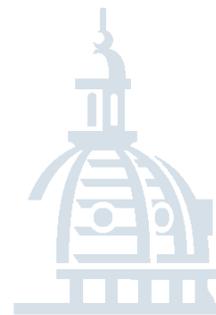




**LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES AGENCY**

Serving the Iowa Legislature

Tim McDermott, Director



January 14, 2026

TO: STORY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CC: SECRETARY OF STATE

FROM: IOWA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

RE: STORY COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING REPORT - SECOND PLAN

I. PLAN “THREE” COUNTY SUPERVISOR PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW.

On December 4, 2025, in accordance with 2025 Iowa Acts, ch. 15, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) published the Story County Supervisor Redistricting Report - First Plan (First Plan) (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/CSR/1545311.pdf>). The First Plan complies with applicable redistricting standards, and the First Plan selection was based solely upon the standards applicable to plan “three” county supervisor districts. Procedural and substantive requirements for plan “three” county supervisor redistricting were described in the First Plan. The contents of the First Plan relating to plan “three” county supervisor redistricting requirements and standards are incorporated by reference and made a part of this report.

II. FIRST PLAN REJECTED.

If the board of supervisors rejects the first plan, the board of supervisors is required to notify the state commissioner of elections of the rejection, including reasons for rejecting the plan, which the state commissioner of elections will provide to the LSA pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph “d”, subparagraph (2).

On January 6, 2026, the Story County Board of Supervisors rejected the First Plan “based on compactness of districts” and requested “a map with more compact districts”. The Board also wrote that “[a]dditional issues discussed are the likelihood of multiple splits in precincts due to preponderance of annexation along proposed district borders and the resultant voter confusion and election administration burdens.”

Iowa Code section 49.3, subsection 2, paragraph “d”, prohibits considering, among other things, “demographic information other than population head counts, except as required by the Constitution and the laws of the United States.” As such, this second plan will address only the board of supervisor’s request for a map with more compact districts.

The redistricting standards required under Iowa Code section 42.4 apply to county representation plans pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.210A, and require districts to be reasonably compact in form with a population as nearly equal as practicable to the ideal population for such districts, to have boundaries that coincide with the boundaries of political subdivisions, subject to cities with an ideal population size greater than the ideal size of a district, and to be composed of convenient contiguous territory. Reasonably compact districts are those which are square, rectangular, or

hexagonal in shape, and not irregularly shaped, to the extent permitted by natural or political boundaries.

III. STORY COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING.

A. SECOND PLAN SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.

PRECINCTS. The precinct plan for Story county, as submitted and approved by the state commissioner of elections, complies with legal standards applicable to precincts and allows for the drawing of a valid supervisor redistricting plan. In accordance with Iowa Code section 49.3(1)(c), the boundaries of all precincts follow the boundaries of areas for which official population figures are available from the most recent federal decennial census.

POPULATION EQUALITY. Pursuant to the 2020 federal decennial census, the total population of Story county is 98,537 persons. Story county elects three county supervisors. As a result, the ideal population size for each county supervisor district is 32,846 persons. To avoid the requirement that a county board of supervisors has the burden of proof to justify any supervisor district that deviates from the ideal population by more than 1 percent or 328 persons, each county supervisor district in this second plan has a population of between 32,793 and 32,940 persons.

The First Plan provides each county supervisor district a population of between 32,783 and 32,894. The overall deviation increased from 111 in the First Plan to 147 in this second plan.

CITIES. Iowa Code section 49.3, subsection 2, paragraph “e,” provides that cities shall not be divided into two or more county supervisor districts unless the population of the city is greater than the ideal size of a district and cities shall be divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible. Based on this requirement, cities that did not exceed the ideal size of a district were not divided into two or more county supervisor districts in the plan. At least one city in Story county exceeds the ideal size of a district.

B. STORY COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS PLAN “THREE” DESCRIPTIONS.

SECOND PLAN. The second proposed county supervisor redistricting plan for Story county is as follows:

District 1 Precincts: Ames 6, Ames 3/Grant Twp, Cambridge/Union Twp, Collins/Collins Twp, Colo/New Albany Twp, Huxley 1, Huxley 2/Palestine Twp, Maxwell/Indian Creek Twp, McCallsburg/Warren Twp, Milford Twp, Nevada 1/Richland Twp, Nevada 2/Grant Twp 2, Nevada 3, Nevada 4/Nevada Twp, Roland/Howard Twp, Slater/Sheldahl, Story City 1, Story City 2/Lafayette Twp/ Howard Twp 2, Zearing/Lincoln Twp/Sherman Twp

District 2 Precincts: Ames 7/Franklin Twp 2, Ames 9, Ames 10, Ames 11, Ames 12, Ames 15, Ames 16/Washington Twp 3, Ames 17, Ames 22, Ames 23, Ames 24, Franklin Twp, Gilbert

District 3 Precincts: Ames 1, Ames 2, Ames 4, Ames 5/Washington Twp 2, Ames 8, Ames 13, Ames 14, Ames 18, Ames 19, Ames 20, Ames 21, Kelley, Washington Twp

C. SECOND PLAN PUBLIC NOTICE. The requirements of making information about the plan available to the public shall be met by making this report and the attachments available through the Legal Topic Publications section on the Iowa General Assembly's website located at the following link: www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/legalPubs.

D. PLAN APPROVAL NOTIFICATION. In accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph "d", this second plan may be amended by the governing body. After receiving the second plan, the governing body shall approve the second plan, the first plan, or an amended plan. The plan approved by the board of supervisors shall be submitted to the state commissioner of elections for approval. Any amendment must be accompanied by a written statement declaring that the amendment is necessary to bring the submitted plan closer in conformity to the standards in Iowa Code section 42.4.

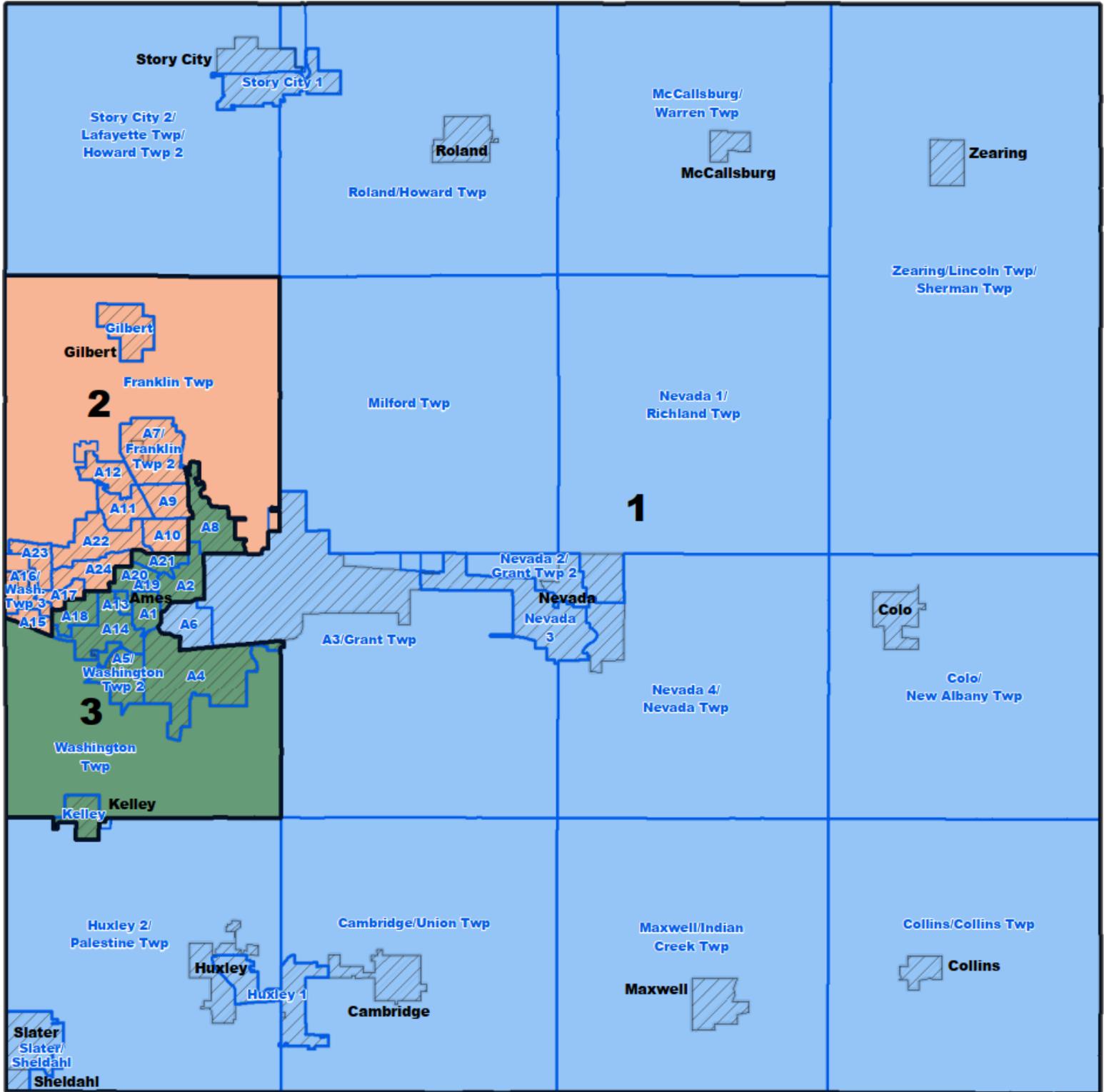
III. ATTACHMENTS.

Attached to this Report are the following:

- 1** — Map of proposed county supervisor districts - second plan.
- 2** — Information including populations and population variance statistics for each county supervisor district in the second plan.

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed Story County Supervisor Districts – Second Plan



1: 32,940

2: 32,793

3: 32,804

ATTACHMENT 2

**SECOND PLAN POPULATION SUMMARY
STORY COUNTY**

DISTRICT NUMBER	TOTAL POPULATION	% DEVIATION FROM IDEAL DISTRICT POP.	DEVIATION FROM IDEAL DISTRICT POP.
1	32,940	.29%	94
2	32,793	.16%	-53
3	32,804	.13%	- 42

Total County Population: 98,537

Ideal Supervisor District Population: 32,846

Maximum Allowable Population Deviation: 328 persons

Absolute Mean Deviation: 21 persons

Overall Range

	LARGEST DISTRICT POP.	SMALLEST DISTRICT POP.	OVERALL
ABSOLUTE	32,940	32,793	147
RATIO	1.0045		