

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
RULES COMMITTEE****Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 8:00 AM –Conference Room, Board of Education, Dresden, TN****Rules Committee Members Present:** Commissioners David Hawks, Gary Eddings, Roger Donaldson, Eric Owen, Dale Overton, James Westbrook, Dennis Doster, Greg Usery, and Larry Taylor**Rules Committee Members Absent:** None

The Weakley County Rules Committee met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, CTAS representative Mike Gale, Election Commission Alex Britt, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Commissioners Jack Vincent and Larry Kelly, and two representatives of the media.

**I.-II. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Hawks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for consideration of the minutes from the meeting that was held on April 23, 2021. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS****Presentation of Redistricting by CTAS Consultant Mike Gale**

Consultant Mike Gale expressed to the committee that the census results were better than what they had anticipated. In Weakley County, there were only three districts out of tolerance by a total of 14.5%. District 3 was under by 6.3%, district 2 was over by 5.1%, and district 7 was over by 8.2%. The population in 2020 was 32,902. After looking over the information Consultant Gale made a few suggestions to fix the problem and bring all three districts back into tolerance.

His first suggestion was to move some of the residents from district two into district three, and by doing so, it would balance out both of those districts and puts them in tolerance. His suggestion would move about 56 people from district two into district three. District three would still be under; however, it would not be under 5%, which means it's still acceptable. The other changes included bringing district seven into tolerance. The suggestion was to move people into districts four and five. 63 people would be moved out of district seven into district five, and then 116 people would be moved out of district seven into district four. Those changes would get everyone into tolerance, but the lines can be moved in any way if anyone wanted to do something different.

Election Administrator Alex Britt mentioned to the committee that they would want the city limits of Dresden to be moved into district 9; however, Election Day voting is changing, and because of that, the proposed changes will not affect people as much since they can go anywhere to vote.

The ideal population for each district is 3,656, but there is some flexibility around that number.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to table the conversation until everyone had time to look over the maps and information. With a second from Commissioner Usery, the motion passed unanimously.

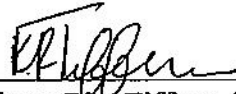
**V. Other business**

None.

**VI. Adjourn**

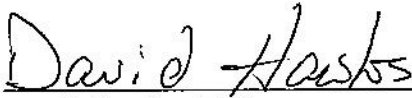
Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Owen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner, Secretary  
Rules Committee

Approved:



David Hawks, Chairperson  
Rules Committee

Date: 10-27-21