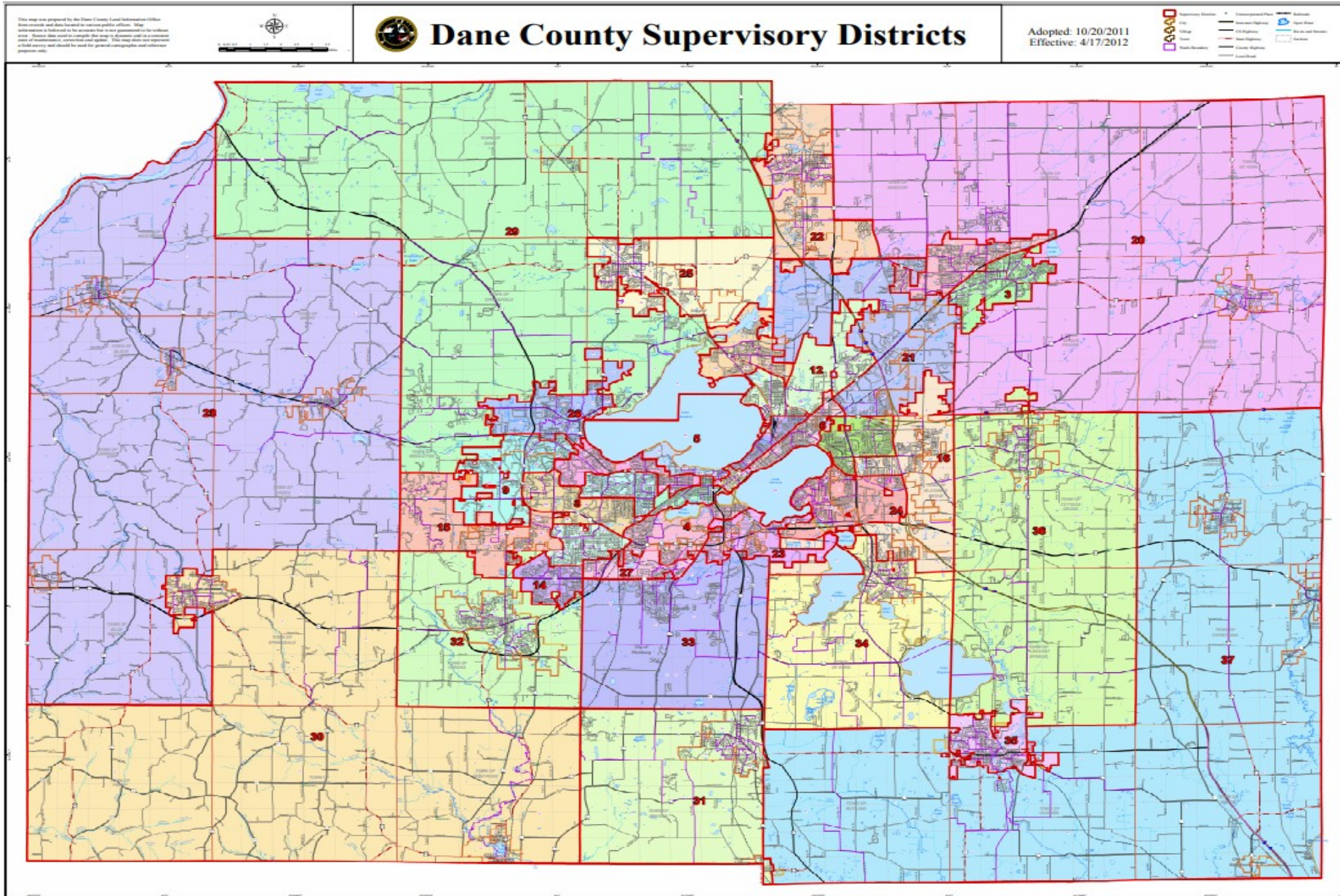


Redistricting 2021

Timeline and Background

Updated May 20, 2020

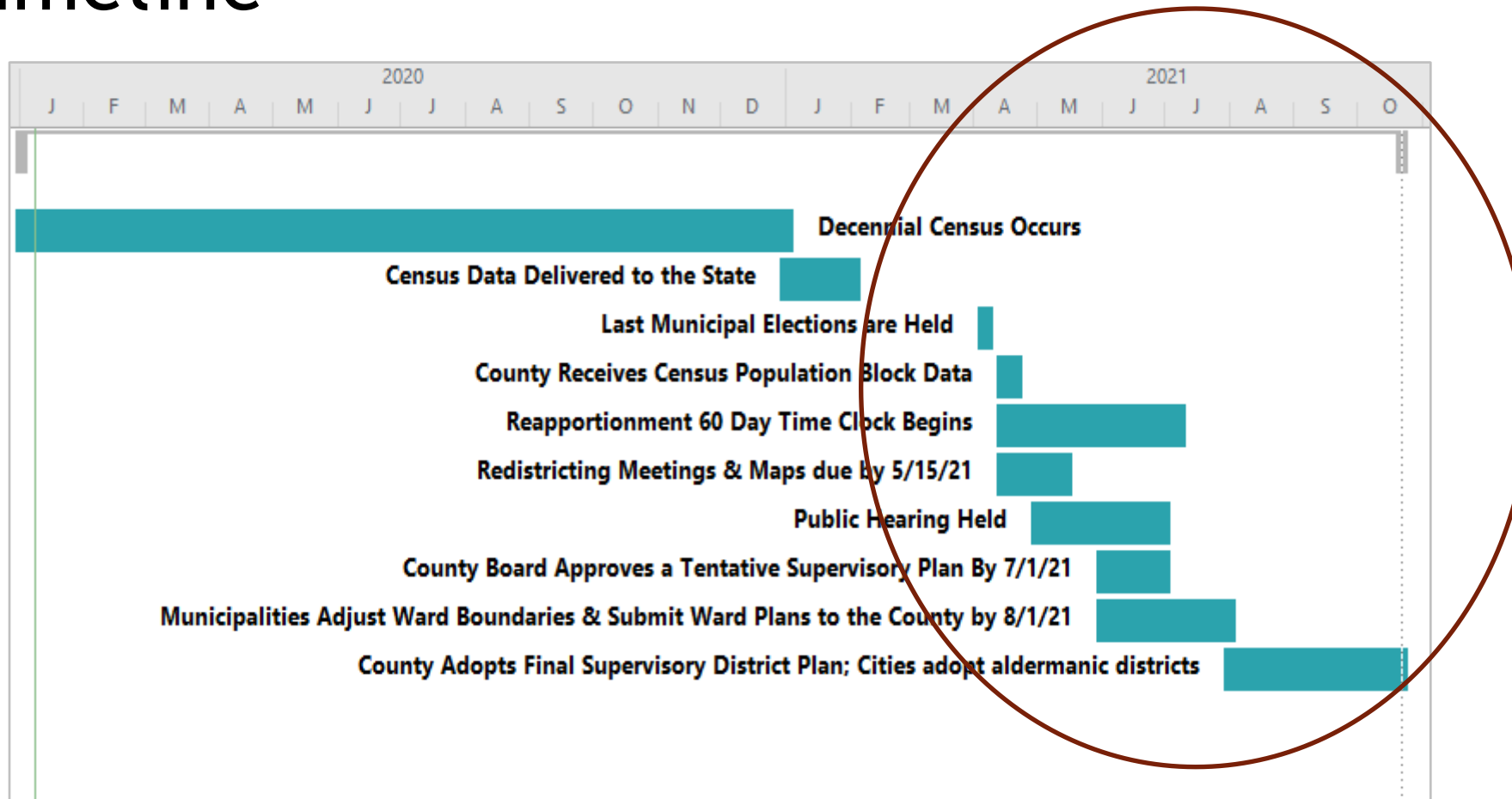
Current Districts



Timeline

- ▶ •Mid-April 2021: County receives census population block data and the reapportionment 60-day time clock begins. Within 30 days of census data becoming available, and no later than May 15th, the commission all propose a tentative county supervisory district plan and map, guided by criteria set forth in statute.
- ▶ •April and May: Redistricting issues are considered and resolved by county body responsible; alternative supervisory districts maps are prepared; meetings occur with local municipalities that may be split by districts.
- ▶ •May-June: A public hearing is held on the tentative supervisory district plan and the county body responsible recommends a tentative plan to the County Board.
- ▶ •June 2021: The County Board approves a tentative supervisory plan (required 60 days after receipt of the Census data, but no later than July 1, 2021).
- ▶ •June-July 2021: Municipalities adjust ward boundaries and submit ward plans to the county (no later than August 1 and within 60 days after receipt of the tentative supervisory plan).
- ▶ •October 2021: The county adopts final supervisory district plan and cities adopt aldermanic districts within 60 days of receipt of the municipal ward plans.

Timeline



Most of the work is concentrated between April 2021-October 2021

Redistricting Commission

- ▶ Chapter 15.47 Dane County Code of Ordinances
- ▶ Composed of eleven (11) citizen members who are residents of Dane County
- ▶ The County Clerk and the Planning and Development Department shall provide the commission with such staff assistance as may be required.

Commission Appointments

- ▶ Appointments shall be made through an application process structured to recruit candidates from broad and diverse sections of the Dane County electorate.
- ▶ From those who apply, the County Board Chair shall appoint an individual who is a resident of the City of Madison, a resident of a town in Dane County, and a resident of a city or village other than the City of Madison, conferring with the Mayor of Madison, DCTA, and DCCVA prior to appointments.
- ▶ The County Board Chair and the County Clerk shall each appoint four (4) additional citizen members from the pool of applicants that meet the eligibility criteria.

Member Eligibility

- ▶ Must be residents of Dane County
- ▶ May not be a member of the Dane County Board, an employee of Dane County, or a contract consultant
- ▶ May not be a lobbyist registered with the Dane County Board
- ▶ May not hold or have held an official position with a political party or partisan organization within a year of appointment
- ▶ May not have participated in the State of Wisconsin 2011 redistricting process
- ▶ Must have a familiarity with maps

Impartiality

- ▶ Must be impartial, which includes refraining from engaging in any political party activity or supporting the election or defeat of any candidate or referendum during their tenure on the commission, and at the time of appointment must have no intent to seek election to the office of Dane County Board supervisor in the spring primary and general elections immediately following redistricting.
- ▶ Must disclose any potential conflict of interest

Responsibility of the County Board

- ▶ The County Board determines the number of districts.
- ▶ Range of number of districts is set by statute and based on population
- ▶ Counties with populations between 100,000 and 750,000 may have up to 47 members
- ▶ The range is 7 supervisors to 38 supervisors
- ▶ Considerations when choosing the number of districts: population, geography, board organization and functioning, electoral issues, cost of campaigns

Responsibility of the Executive Committee

- ▶ Formulate County Board policy and act as liaison to other governmental units with respect to redistricting and reapportionment. (Chapter 7.13(9), Dane County Code of Ordinances)

Duties of the Redistricting Commission

- ▶ Within 30 days of census data becoming available, and no later than May 15th, the commission shall propose a tentative county supervisory district plan and map, guided by criteria set forth in statute.
- ▶ The mapping process shall include opportunities for the public to submit map proposals for consideration.
- ▶ Develop up to 3 maps for consideration by the County Board
- ▶ If none of the maps submitted by the Commission are adopted by the County Board, the maps shall be re-referred to the commission, which shall have the opportunity to submit an amended map to the county

Mapping Criteria (in priority order)

- ▶ Each district should represent the same population size, be contiguous, and compact.
- ▶ Minimize the number of municipal boundaries crossed
- ▶ Shall ensure fair and effective representation of the diverse ethnic and racial population in Dane County
- ▶ Take into consideration geography and natural boundaries such as rivers and lakes
- ▶ Keep intact neighborhoods and communities of interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious, or other
- ▶ Districts shall be drawn without regard to incumbency.

Updates

- ▶ Mapping software selected--this will allow the public to submit maps
- ▶ Draft application for redistricting commission is in process (will be available in Spanish and Hmong as well)
- ▶ Draft website developed and in process
- ▶ Recurring discussions at Executive Committee
- ▶ Draft outreach plan developed
- ▶ Staff have attended and continue to be in contact with the Legislative Technology Service Bureau on the tools for map submission

Outreach

Redistricting Engagement Plan

	When
Commission appointments	
Press piece with redistricting timeline and commission information - announcing application	Early June 2020
Advertisement for application and commission info	Early June 2020
Press piece announcing commission appointments	Early July 2020
Board size	
Press piece announcing POLCO question	Late May 2020
Software testing	
Target testers	Sep-20
Press piece announcing need for testers	Sep-20
General education	
Create short redistricting video	Jun-20
Redistricting issue brief	May-20
Informational website	May/June 2020
Commission meetings	
Press piece announcing when commission will meet	Ongoing
Public map submissions	
Community meetings	April/May 2021
Press	April/May 2021
Public hearing	

Executive Committee Work Plan for Redistricting

Executive Committee's main role in the decennial redistricting process is to determine board size

CONSIDERATIONS:

- What information does Exec Committee need to make its decision?
- What specific questions does the Executive Committee want to ask the public for public engagement on board size?
- Past approaches and public response to board-size issue

Executive Committee Work Plan for Redistricting

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

June 4:

- Informational presentation regarding board size

Questions to address:

- What are the organizational implications of smaller boards?
 - How are other counties accomplishing their work with smaller boards?
 - A lot of county boards cut their sizes 10 years ago. What type of re-evaluation was necessary?
 - Pros/cons of different board sizes
 - Q & A by committee members
- Update on redistricting-specific engagement

June 18:

- Updates on redistricting process
- Possible resolution re: funding for mapping software / or update if no resolution

Executive Committee Work Plan for Redistricting

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

July 9:

- Public engagement and input results revealed to the Exec Committee
- **NOTE:** An invitation to the public will be posted on Engage Dane and redistricting websites prior to this meeting inviting the public to provide comments via email to Redistricting email address or testify at this July 9 meeting of the Executive Committee

Executive Committee Work Plan for Redistricting

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

August 13:

- Exec Comm action on board size, which will be put into a late referred resolution for Exec Comm action at Sept 3rd Exec Comm meeting
- Update on Chair and Clerk appointments to Redistricting Committee

Sept 3:

- Exec Comm takes action on board size resolution
- (Co Bd to take action on resolution at Sept 17th County Board meeting)

Executive Committee Work Plan for Redistricting

DEADLINES / DELIVERABLES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

- ❖ **Mid-June to early July:**
 - ❖ Information gathering
 - ❖ Electronic outreach and engagement with public regarding board size (wrapped up with results by early July)
- ❖ **June 4:** Informational presentation on board size considerations, if desired
- ❖ **July 9:** Public input results delivered to committee
- ❖ **June 18:** Executive Committee acts on resolution regarding funding for mapping software (if needed)
- ❖ **August 13:** Executive Committee takes action/makes *recommendation* on board size for a resolution to be referred to the County Board
- ❖ **September 3:** Executive Committee takes action on board size *resolution*

Questions and Next Steps

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