

**City of Battle Creek
Election Commission Meeting
10 N. Division Street
Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor
Battle Creek, MI
March 1, 2022
5:00 PM**

Present: Jill Steele, City Attorney, Aaron Powers, City Assessor, Victoria Houser, City Clerk

Absent: None

Guests:

Call to Order: Clerk Houser called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

• **October 5, 2021**

A motion was made by Attorney Steele, supported by Assessor Powers, to approve the October 5, 2021 Election Commission meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

May 3, 2022 Special Election Details

• **Climax Scotts Community Schools**

Clerk Houser informed the Commission Climax Scotts Community Schools had two millage proposals on the ballot, one a renewal, the other a new millage.

Clerk Houser informed the Committee that Battle Creek would be working with the Leroy Township Clerk to facilitate the election for Battle Creek voters, noting that although the Climax Township Clerk was willing to facilitate the election as has been done in the past, the new Kalamazoo County Clerk is no longer willing to allow consolidation of precincts.

Rebalancing of Wards: To bring all 5 City Wards within a balance of 10% or less

1. Ward 3

- a. **Move 209 voters from Precinct 18/Ward 2 to Precinct 1/Ward 3 along Jericho Road**
- b. **Ward 3: $9,902 + 209 = 10,111$ residents**
- c. **Ward 2: $10,422 - 209 = 10,213$ residents**

A motion was made by Attorney Steel, supported by Assessor Powers, to move the Precinct 18 and Precinct 1 boundary line to Jericho Road, moving 209 residents Precinct 1, to better balance Ward 3 to comply with the City Charter, as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

2. Ward 4

- a. **Move 258 voters from Precinct 2/Ward 4 to Precinct 3/Ward 5 along Columbia Avenue**
- b. **Move 50 voters from Precinct 8/Ward 4 to Precinct 3/Ward 5 between Minges Road and Minges Creek**
- c. **Move 20 voters from Precinct 9 to Precinct 13, both in Ward 4**
- d. **Ward 4: $11,283 - 258 - 50 = 10,975$ residents**
- e. **Ward 5: $10,674 + 258 + 50 = 10,982$ residents**

A motion was made by Attorney Steel, supported by Assessor Powers, to move the Precincts 2 and 3 boundary line along Columbia Avenue and the Precinct 8 and 3 boundary line to Minges Creek, moving 308 residents to Precinct 3, to better balance Ward 4 to comply with the City Charter, as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Commission Comments: There were no Commission comments.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.