

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

The Terrell County Commissioners Court met on Wednesday, the 10<sup>TH</sup> day of October 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner courtroom of the county courthouse in the city of Sanderson, Texas. Notices of the meeting place were timely posted at a site readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained posted for at least seventy-two hours preceding the scheduled time of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Hon. Dale Carruthers, County Judge, called the meeting to order. The following members of this Court and Officers of the County were present:

Hon. Adam Johnson	Commissioner Pct. 1
Hon. Mike Sanchez	Commissioner Pct. 2
Hon. Arnulfo Serna	Commissioner Pct. 3
Hon. Heather Gully	Commissioner Pct. 4
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Hon. Raeline Thompson	County and District Clerk
Hon. Rebecca Luevano	County Treasurer
Hon. Kenneth Bellah - Zoom	County Attorney
Hon. Santiago Gonzalez	County Sheriff
Stan Reid	Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP

Commissioner Johnson gave the Invocation and Hon. Dale Carruthers led the commissioner's court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Republic of Texas Flag.

**Receive and Evaluate Demographic Redistricting of County Political Boundaries** - Commissioner Serna motioned to approve the demographics' preliminary proposal and redistrict the County Political Boundaries. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

Commissioner Serna motioned to approve the order for redistricting of political boundaries. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
TERRELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES  
OF TERRELL COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DATA  
AND  
ORDER FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES**

On the 10 day of November, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Terrell County met in regular/called session, having posted notice of said hearing in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The Commissioners Court of Terrell County has previously retained the firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP, of Austin, Texas, to conduct an Initial Assessment of existing political

boundaries of Terrell County, following the issuance of census data by the United States Census Bureau. Attached to this Order, and incorporated herein for all purposes by reference, is a copy of the initial assessment conducted by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. This assessment is based upon PL94-171 data, as required by federal law, and is further based upon information provided to Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP by the Texas Legislative Council, other official sources of information, and by Terrell County, Texas.

Based upon this information, Terrell County has a total maximum deviation of 17.37%. The term total maximum deviation is determined by dividing the total population of Terrell County by four, the number of Commissioners Court precincts to determine an ideal precinct size. The actual population of each precinct is then determined, based upon the official population data contained within the census count, as defined by Public Law 94-171. The actual population of each precinct is compared to the ideal precinct size and a range of deviation by percentage is determined. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under established federal law.

As a result of this determination, Terrell County has a constitutional duty to redistrict its political boundaries so as to achieve "One-Person-One-Vote" numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts at a legally acceptable margin of deviation, and to make such changes as are necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and applicable state and federal law.

Order for Redistricting


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Commissioners Court of Terrell County, Texas expressly finds that it has a legal duty to redistrict. The public interest will be served by redrawing the existing political boundaries of Terrell County in such a manner as to comply with applicable state and federal law. The Commissioners Court hereby enters the following findings of fact and of law:

1. Terrell County has a total maximum deviation, as defined in this order, of 17.37%.
2. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under federal law.
3. Terrell County, acting by and through its Commissioners Court, is hereby resolved to immediately undertake such necessary and appropriate action to accomplish redistricting of existing commissioners court precincts, and any incidental modification of existing, consolidated, or newly created election precincts necessary to accomplish such redistricting.
4. The Commissioners Court shall henceforth convene in open meetings, duly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, to take up and consider one or more alternative plans for the legal redistricting of Terrell County.
5. After due consideration of one or more alternative plans, Terrell County shall adopt a plan deemed to satisfy legal requirements, and which best suits the legitimate governmental needs of Terrell County.
6. The adopted redistricting plan will address political boundaries of the Commissioners Court, Justice of the Peace and Election precincts of Terrell


County, and shall remain in effect until altered or amended by subsequent Order of the Commissioners Court.

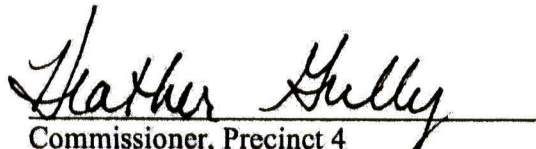
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Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

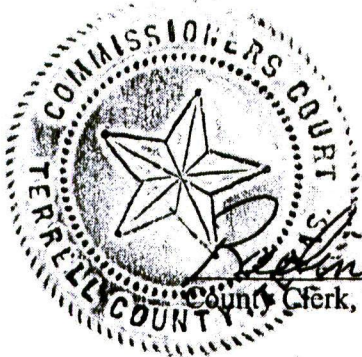
  
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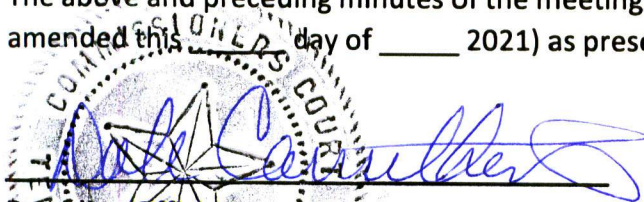
**Adjourn** - Commissioner Serna motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion calling for a vote; all members answered "aye," and the motion carried.

/s/ Raeline Thompson

Raeline Thompson, County Clerk, and Ex-officio Clerk  
Terrell County Commissioners Court

**ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION**

The above and preceding minutes of the meeting held on November 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, are now approved (as amended this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021) as presented IN OPEN COURT this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of December, AD, 2021.

  
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Presiding Officer

Attest:  County Clerk