

**Tom Green County Commissioner's Court
And Citizen's Redistricting Committee
Special Meeting –July 18, 2001**

The Tom Green County Commissioners' Court and the Redistricting Committee met in a Special Session in the Edd B. Keyes Building Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at 2:00 PM with the following present:

Clayton Friend, Commissioner Precinct #1
Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner Precinct #3
Richard Easingwood, Commissioner Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court

Members of the Redistricting Committee present :

Aubrey De Cardova	Dennis McKerley	Fred Contreras
Ralph Hoelscher		Wynn Brown
David Reed	Rita Cardenas	Sylvia Noriega

Judge Brown called the Special Session to order at 2:08 PM.

Bob Bass of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP addressed the Court and presented a computerized presentation dealing with different scenario's for the redistricting of Tom Green County. Mr. Bass explained that at the last meeting , he had attended, that 2 different plans had been developed. Current numbers, divided by Precincts – Precinct 1 – 24,017

Precinct 2 - 26,013

Precinct 3 - 27,620

Precinct 4 - 26,360

The ideal population scenario would be to have 26,003 per precinct. Mr. Bass explained that shifting of precinct lines would have to not only balance the population, but keep like interest such as school districts, communities, while not diluting the ethnic make-up of the area.

The scenario's presented were basically to clean – up and straighten out precinct lines.

Plan 1:

Precinct 1 - 25,847

Precinct 2 – 26,102

Precinct 3 - 25,646

Precinct 4 - 26,415

Plan 2:

Precinct 1 – 26,091

Precinct 2 – 25,881

Precinct 3 - 26,255

Precinct 4 – 25,783

Mr. Jesse Martinez discussed the alternate plan presented to the Re-districting Committee. Mr. Martinez explained that they did not want to see any digression in the Minority population. In both of the proposed plans there is a slight digression. In plan 1 there is approximately 23 less Hispanics.

Daniel Cardenas said that when meeting with the Re-districting Committee earlier, they had proposed to move the PaulAnn Addition and area to Precinct #3 and move part of the Lakeview area north of 25th Street up to around 29th Street from Armstrong to North Bryant into Precinct #1. This would help them to be able to choose a Candidate of their choice. Mr. Cardenas expressed strong opposition to Plan 1 and to Plan 2 as previously presented.

Commissioner Weeks was concerned that with the area that this would cover from the Super Wal-Mart on the West side, to all along the North side of town over to the East side of town at PaulAnn.

Bob Bass rearranged Plan 1 with the suggestions made by Mr. Cardenas and said that this plan would work without throwing the proportions out of the Federal Compliance Guidelines. (Plan 4) Hispanic impact would be a 0.3 % increase impact

Winn Brown, Redistricting Chairman, proposed that these changes be tried by using these same lines with the Plan 2 proposal since this plan had the existing lines created in a cleaner, more symmetrical lines.

Bob Bass rearranged Plan 2 with the suggestions made by Mr. Cardenas and said that this plan would also work. (Plan 3). This plan would give the Hispanic population a 0.33% increase impact.

Danny Cardenas expressed that this would be a plan that would be acceptable.

Winn Brown, wished to have Molly Taylor explain how this would impact her office and if this would be a problem with the election polling places.

Molly Taylor, Elections Administrator, said that this would create a change in polling places since the PaulAnn Baptist Church had been a polling place for an area in Precinct #1. Some of the polling places will be combined, due to insufficient number of Election Judges, and some new ones will have to be found. These will all have to be precleared with the Justice Department prior to final acceptance.

Vernon Brook, on behalf of Baptist Memorial, asked that a consideration be made to combine the Northgate residence in the same polling place as the rest of Baptist Memorial. They are now in a separate box.

Commissioner Friend, explained that in Plan 2 and the revised plan (Plan 3) both combined **all** of Baptist Memorial (the High Rise, the Hospital & homes in that area, as well as the Northgate section) into his precinct, Commissioner & JP Precinct # 1.

Commissioner Weeks moved to approve Plan 3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Easingwood.

Commissioner Weeks withdrew his previous motion to restate the motion and Commissioner Easingwood withdrew his second.

Bob Bass read a proposed order that complies with the re-districting laws.

Commissioner Weeks moved to authorize the Court to sign an Order Adopting Redistricting Plan for Commissioners Court Precincts, as recommended by the Citizens Redistricting Committee, with the proposal of Plan 3. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all the Court voted in favor. (Recorded with these minutes.)

Commissioner Easingwood, joined by the rest of the Court, wished to express his thanks for the service, dedication and hard work done by the Redistricting Committee and for the interest, opinions and concerns of the other citizens who participated in this process.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Michael D. Brown, County Judge

Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the Commissioners' Court

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS

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JILL SULLIVAN
COUNTY CLERK
TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING PLAN
FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT PRECINCTS**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 18th day of July, 2001, came on to be considered the issue of periodic redistricting of county political boundaries. This Court has, in due time, given deliberate consideration to the legal issues and governmental duties imposed by state and federal law. In addition, the Court has previously entered in the minutes of this Court criteria by which any redistricting plan would be considered. That prior Order is incorporated herein by reference.

This Court has commissioned and has received an Initial Assessment by qualified professionals experienced in the field of redistricting law for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the four commissioners court precincts, and the obligation to comply with "one-person-one-vote" balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this Court, and is also incorporated by this reference. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law, and a copy of this finding has been entered into the minutes of this court, by which reference this prior finding is incorporated into this Order of the Commissioners Court.

The Commissioners Court appointed a Citizens Committee to advise it on issues presented by periodic redistricting. The Committee, after several meetings, and a public

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hearing, recommended the adoption of a Plan attached to this Order. The Commissioners Court, after convening a Public Hearing for comment upon any and all proposed plans, and after meeting in open session for the purpose of considering alternatives available to the County for modification of existing political boundaries in a manner designed to achieve both acceptable levels of numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to protect the voting rights of all residents of Tom Green County, the Commissioners Court has determined to adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Order in map and data form. At a later date, this Court will receive a more complete description of this plan, including a map depiction of all new political boundaries, polling places, election precinct boundaries, and any affect such changes in Commissioners Court precincts may have upon Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. This supplemental order will be taken up and considered by the Court after public notice as required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Order are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County, Texas. Upon final approval of the supplemental data to be provided at a later date, a submission of this plan, along with supporting maps, charts and/or data, will be made to the United States Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §1973. This Redistricting Plan adopted by this Order shall be effective, subject to Department of Justice preclearance, on January 1, 2002, and for all subsequent elections until changed or modified by later Order. It is expressly understood that implementation of this plan shall not take place until the receipt of preclearance approval by the United States Department of Justice.

Signed this 18 day of July, 2001.

Michael D. Swann
County Judge, Tom Green County

Clayton Friend
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Karl Batts
Commissioner, Precinct 2

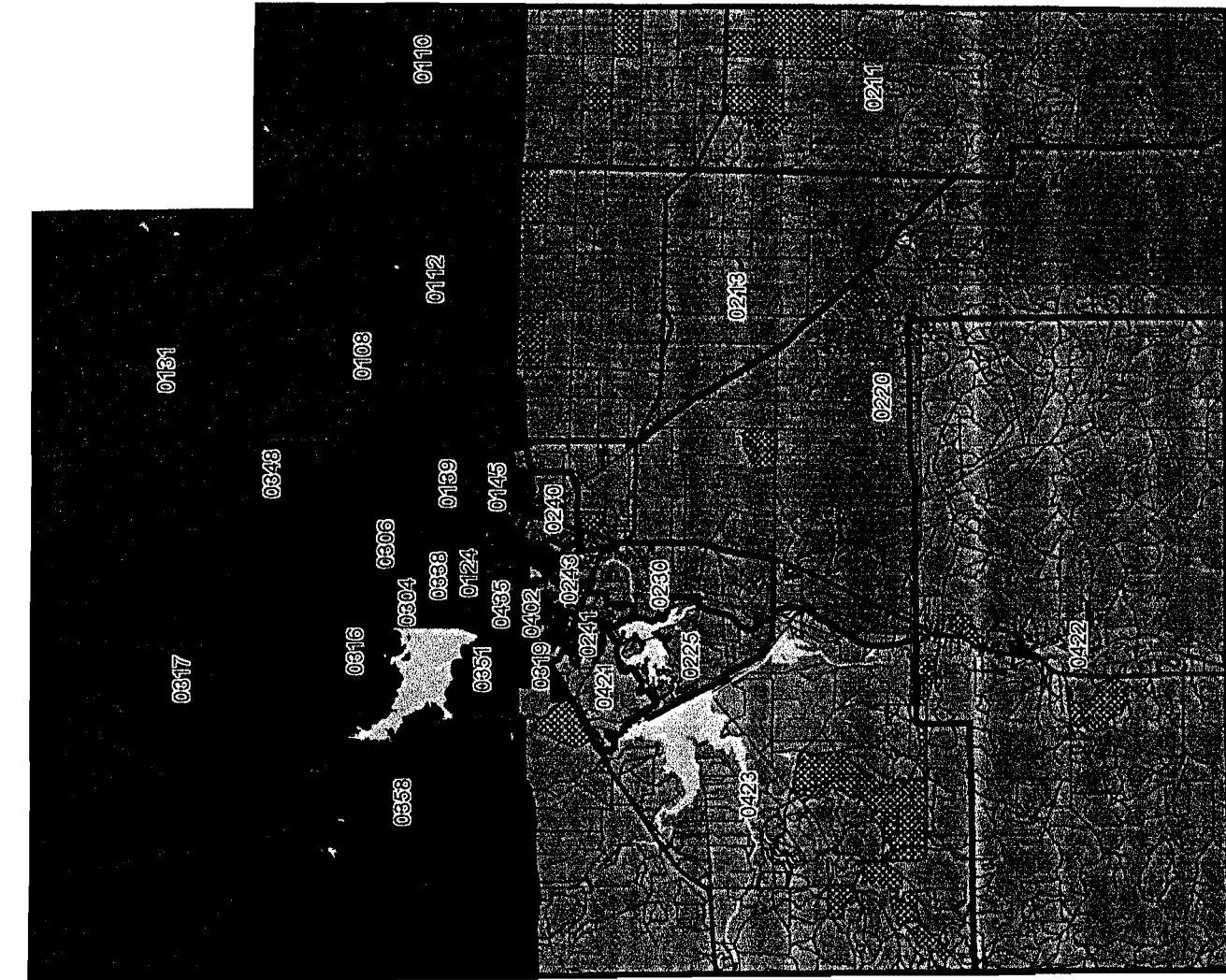
Archie R. Weese
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Richard S. Lasingwood, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 4

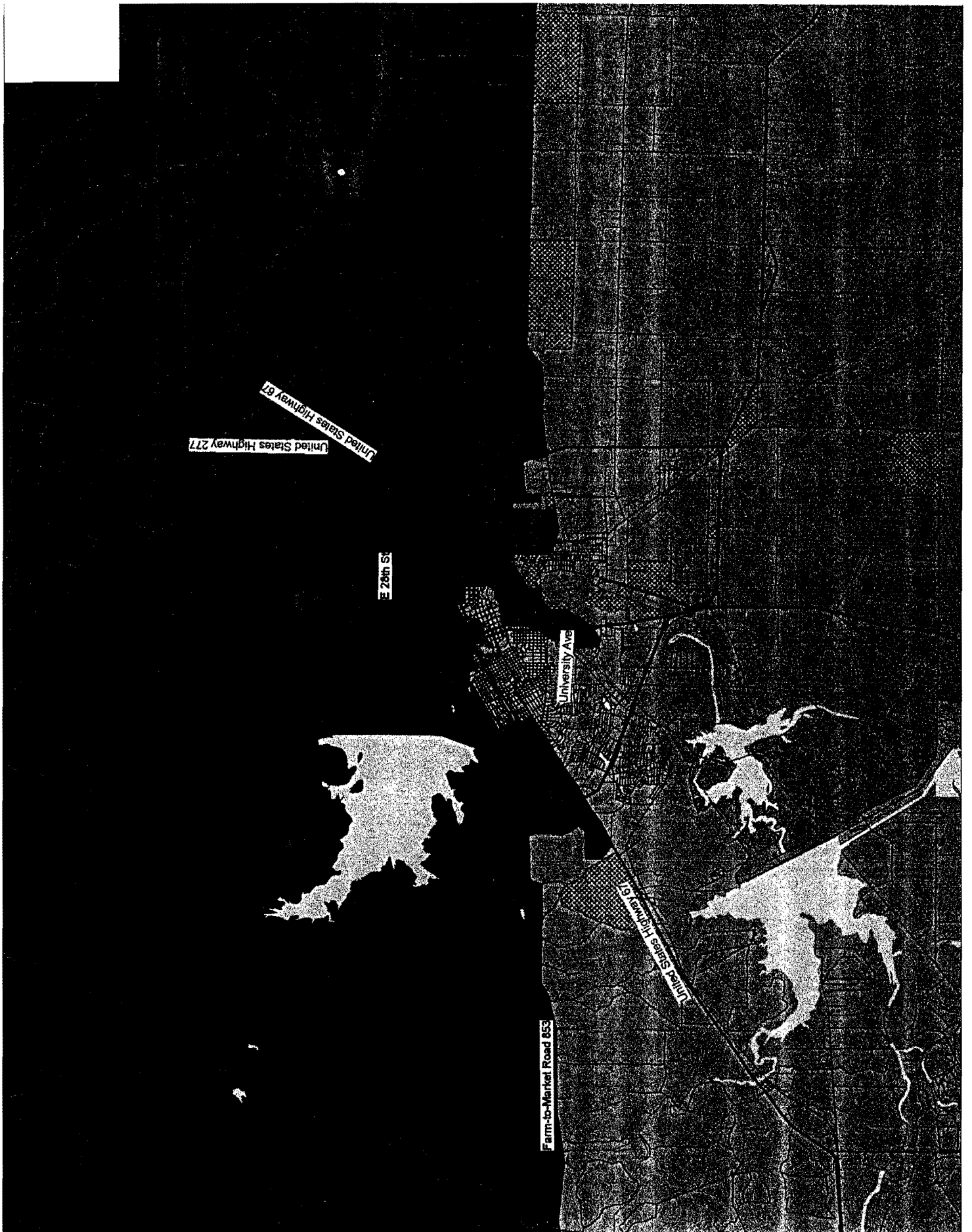
ATTEST:

Elizabeth McMill
County Clerk, Ex Officio Clerk of the
Tom Green County Commissioners Court





Plan 3



County	Tom Green				
Plan	3				
Precinct	Population	Difference	Deviation		
1	26003	1	0.00%		
2	25881	-122	-0.47%		
3	26343	341	1.31%		
4	25783	-220	-0.84%		
Total	104010				
Ideal	26003				
	Precinct	Number	Difference	Deviation	
Largest	3	26343	341	1.31%	TMD%
Smallest	4	25783	-220	-0.84%	2.15%
Ethnic Analysis		Anglo	Hispanic	Black	Other
Benchmark	1	32.84	58.84	6.2	2.12
Precinct					
1		33.27	59.17	5.75	1.81
2		77.09	16.43	3.52	2.96
3		67.78	26.33	3.68	2.21
4		73.88	20.83	2.9	2.39
Impact		0.43	0.33	-0.45	-0.31