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Board of Commissioners

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting at the Legislative Building, 18 Capitol Square, Suite 407, Atlanta, GA on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Reapportionment Office.

Those present were Commissioners Michael Kendall, Dick Morrow, Martha McDaniel, Johnie McDaniel, Merrill Massengale, County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine and County Clerk Phyllis Doane. Also present were Chairperson of Board of Elections Helen Grayson, Board of Elections member Sharon Morrow, Kimberly Slaughter, Clerk with Voter Registrar's Office, Chris Cecil with Griffin Daily News, Gwen Flowers Chairman of the Political Action Committee and Jewel-Walker Harps, President of the Local Chapter of the NAACP.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Massengale at 10:00 a.m.

Before discussion of redrawing the lines began, County Manager Wilson reminded the Board members that the optimum population for each district was 11,683 per the 2000 Census. The objectives for drawing the new districts were (1) Where possible, place district boundaries along easily identifiable geographic boundaries; (2) Maintain communities-of-interest within a single district and avoid dividing neighborhoods when forming district boundaries; (3) Base the new plan, to the extent possible, on existing county commission districts; (4) Draw districts that are relatively equal in size, and that in no event exceed five percent over ideal population in size, or deviate five percent below ideal population in size; (5) Draw district that are functionally compact and contiguous; (6) Recognize incumbent-constituency relations by keeping existing council members in their districts and (7) Narrowly tailor the plan to prevent retrogression in the position of racial minorities (as construed by the Voting Rights Act) with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.

There was a brief discussion regarding the percentage population deviation in Districts 1 and 2 and how to redraw lines to bring them in compliance. The meeting was interrupted by a representative from the reapportionment office who advised that the building was to be evacuated because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. that had occurred earlier in the morning.

Chairman Massengale adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman

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