

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW KENT WAS HELD ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-ONE IN THE LOWER CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. THE CHAIRMAN CONVENED THE MEETING WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT.

FOREWORD

This meeting was held as the result of Board action taken at their regular meeting of March 25, 1991 in response to requests presented by the Reverend Milton Hathaway, President of New Kent Committee on Redistricting. The Board voted to appoint a nine-member committee constituted of four appointed by New Kent Citizens Committee on Redistricting and five to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one of the Board appointees to be a non-black minority, and the plan to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and public hearing would require that a majority of six agree.

IN RE: RATIFICATION OF REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were ratified unanimously by the Board of Supervisors upon motion of Mr. Robinson:

Paul C. Robinson
Richard S. Ellyson
E. David Ringley
Robert A. Boroughs
Milton Hathaway
James Gardner
Edward Pollard
Betty Burrell
Ronald Wynn

Mr. Robinson and Reverend Hathaway thanked Mr. Hart and staff members for their efforts in preparing for the meeting, including the box supper.

IN RE: REDISTRICTING PLANS

By consensus, Mr. Boroughs took the Chair and turned the meeting over to Mr. R. J. Emerson, Jr., Director of Planning.

Mr. Emerson presented Plan J. He reviewed the various plans that had been drawn to date. Members of the committee were free to discuss plans as they were presented.

FOR MAPS AND STATISTICS CONCERNING PLANS A THROUGH J, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK APPENDIX FOUR AT PAGES 390-390().

Mr. Robinson moved to eliminate Plans A and B, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Ringley moved to eliminate Plan E. Motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Ellyson moved to eliminate Plan F, which failed with 5 ayes and four nays.

Mr. Gardner moved to strike Plan D, which passed 8 in favor and 1 against.

Plan C with changes was set aside temporarily.

Mr. Gardner moved to strike Plans G and H. Motion passed unanimously. The remaining plans were C, C-modified, F and J.

Mr. Robinson moved to eliminate Plan F. Motion passed 8:1. (Mr. Pollard, nay).

Mr. Robinson moved to remove Plan C. Motion passed unanimously.

Two plans remained. Mr. Ellyson moved to advertise Plan C-modified and Plan J for public hearing on April 15th. Motion failed 5 against and 4 in favor.

Rev. Hathaway moved to delete C-modified. Motion failed 5 against and 4 in favor.

Mr. Robinson moved to recommend to the Board Plan C-modified. Motion was temporarily withdrawn and later resubmitted. Motion failed 5 in favor and 4 against.

Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney, ruled that there being no decision by the committee, it falls back to the Board of Supervisors to decide on a plan. Mr. Morgan said that April 15th is absolutely the last date to make a decision on a plan in order for it to be submitted to the Justice Department by the required date of April 30th.

A great deal of time was spent in an attempt to alter Plan C-modified in order to increase the minority percentage. Mr. Emerson would take the changes to RRPDC to be plotted accurately. At midnight, Mr. Pollard moved to adjourn the work session.

H. Garrett Hart, III
County Administrator

Robert A. Boroughs
Chairman