MUSKEGON COUNTY
2011 REAPPORTIONMENT

APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
Act 261 of 1966

AN ACT to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Q Who serves on the apportionment commission?

The Muskegon County apportionment commission will be made up of the following:

Nancy A. Waters, Muskegon County Clerk
Tony Moulatsiotis, Muskegon County Treasurer
Tony Tague, Muskegon County Prosecutor
Steve Keglovitz, Muskegon County Democratic Party Chair
Christina Achterhoff, Muskegon County Republican Party Chair

MCL 46.403

Q Are any of the current members the same as they were in 2000?

Prosecutor Tague is the only member of the apportionment commission that was a member of the commission ten years ago.

Q What is the minimum and maximum number of districts allowed in Muskegon County?

Muskegon County is allowed by law, based on population, to have as many as 21 county commission districts with a minimum of five. MCL 46.402
Q Has the number of county commission districts changed in Muskegon County recently?

With reapportionment in 2000, Muskegon County went from nine to eleven commission districts.

Q How long will it take to complete reapportionment?

Within 60 days after the publication of the latest United States official decennial census figures, MCL 46.401

Q When will the new county commission districts be in effect?

The filing deadline for candidates filing a petition for nomination to the office of county commissioner will be in May of 2012. The commissioners elected in 2012 will represent the new districts and be sworn into office in January 2013 for a 2-year term.

Q Do meetings of the county apportionment commission fall under the open meetings act?

Yes, meetings of the county apportionment commission are public meetings and the notices will be posted pursuant to statute. We are hoping to schedule two informational meetings to be held in the board of commissioners meeting room. One to be held during the day and one to be held in the evening.

Q Does the public have an opportunity to submit for reapportionment?

Yes, the public may submit a reapportionment plan to the county clerk and they can also appeal finalized commission reapportionment plans to the court.

The apportionment commission met to elect a chairperson, Tony Moulatsiotis, on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Meeting dates may be found at: http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/clerk/apportionment.htm

The information provided is general in nature, any additional questions or comments should be submitted in writing to Muskegon County Clerk, Nancy A. Waters at 141 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442.

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