

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 14, 2001 MINUTES**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

Tom Coulson, Commissioner  
Randy Royal, Commissioner  
Glenn Bowen, Vice Chairman  
Eugene James, Commissioner  
Mark Owens, Commissioner  
Beth Ward, Commissioner  
David Hammond, Chairman  
Terry Shank, Commissioner  
Tom Johnson, Commissioner

Staff present:

Tom Robinson, County Manager  
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney  
Susan Banks, Clerk to the Board  
John Bulow, Assistant County Manager  
James Rhodes, Planning Director  
And other Planning staff

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hammond called the meeting to order. Chairman Hammond stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Board hear public comments about the redistricting maps. He thanked everyone for coming and their participation at the meeting as well as in the television audience.

**Invocation and Pledge**

Invocation was given by Commissioner Royal.

Pledge was led by Commissioner Coulson.

Chairman Hammond gave the Manager an opportunity to make a statement.

Mr. Robinson said that it has come to light that procedural errors were made in implementing the rescue tax. The staff is preparing a complete report for the Board to be presented at the August 20, 2001 regular Board meeting.

**Public Hearing - Staff Comments**

Mr. Rhodes spoke about the new map A-3 which was generated following the August 7th workshop. He gave an overview of the steps that have been through.

Steps in Redistricting

June - preliminary report to the Board and Michael Crowell, Consulting Attorney was brought in.

June 18th Board agreed to proceed and adopted a resolution in support of redistricting.

Early July, maps were forwarded to Michael Crowell for review.

July 19th and August 7th, maps were considered at Board of Commissioner meetings.

August 14<sup>th</sup>, a public meeting for public comment was being held tonight.

Mr. Rhodes presented Map A-3 which was requested from the August 7<sup>th</sup> workshop of the Board of Commissioners. The same working assumptions were followed as previously reviewed.

Six districts remained with three combined districts for nine County Commissioners. Board of Education maintains twelve board members in their existing districts.

Staff ensured the Voting Rights Act was followed by using the working assumption and the 2000 Census figures.

In 1991, Districts 1 and 2 and combined at District A are majority/minority districts.

Secondary assumptions were as follows:

- Look at where commissioners and board of education members reside.
- Assure that districts look relatively compact.
- Look at and follow district lines and precinct boundaries when possible.

Mr. Rhodes said the deviation was over 40% which made this process necessary. The maps have been on the County Website and they are also available in the Planning Office. He then reviewed the individual districts.

Districts 1 - Commissioners Hammond and Royal. Majority/minority district. Recent modification. Added to District 1 from District 2, third st and memorial Boulevard was added to District 1. Added to District 1, areas of Greenville Boulevard and Memorial Drive. Removed from District 1 and added to District 2 from Third Street and Vance St.

District 2 - Commissioners James and Royal  
Major portion north of the river. South of the river, 3rd st and Tar River, Vance and Greene St. were added to District 2. Part of Pactolus area was added to District 2 from District 3. Another portion to 2 from 4 is an extension from Moyewood. Extends further west and north including some multi-family dwelling.

Districts 1 and 2 were well below the target population.

District 3 - Commissioners Coulson and Johnson  
Area north of the river was removed. Portertown, Fire Tower Road, Hardee Creek - developments from District 5 were moved to District 3. Cherry Oaks North, Planters Walk, southern portion of Brook Valley were put in District 3 so now all of Brook Valley Subdivision is now in District 3.

District 4 – Commissioners Ward and Owens  
Areas around Dickinson Avenue and Memorial Drive were moved from District 4 to District 1. Another portion was removed and added to District 2 that was west of Moyewood and Oak Haven

Subdivisions as well as a few others. Added to District 4 from District 5 areas west of Frog Level Road, and the district was bounded by US 264A.

District 5 - Commissioners Shank and Ward

Camelot, Cherry Oaks North, and the remainder of Brook Valley were removed and added to District. South of Winterville area - south of Worthington road, South of Highway 903 were added to District 6 on map A-3.

District 6 - Commissioners Bowen and Coulson

South of Winterville area - south of Worthington Road, South of Highway 903 were added to District 6 on map A-3.

Mr. Rhodes said that the statistics show that the deviation have been decreased substantially with the new map with an added feature of map A-3 that District 1 is above the target range which is good. He stated that District 1 would not see the rate of growth that other districts may experience. District 2 is below target range and moving upward. The majority/minority districts maintain 60% of black and other minorities. Majority/Minority have been retained. County Commissioners and Board of Education members have been retained in their districts. The new districts are more compatible than the 1991 boundaries.

Remaining steps

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Board needs to listen to public comments tonight. There is a August 20th deadline to select or adopt a map. Then a package will be sent to the Justice Department. The Board of Education has indicated that they would follow suit with the map A-3.

Public Addresses

- Nancy Colville - stated she lives in District 5. Spoke in support of A-3. She said it gives everybody what they want and retains people who want to run in their districts. She stated she did have some concerns that some commissioners wanted to have more say so than others. She spoke about Commissioners Shank and Ward's meetings with the County Manager prior to regular board meetings (in commissioner briefings). She said she is a minority and that participation from all citizens is important.
- Mayor Doug Jackson, Town of Winterville- He congratulated the Planning Staff on the job they had done in preparing the maps. He spoke of Winterville being the second largest town in the County, behind the City of Greenville. Overall the map is pretty well done. He said that the way Districts 5 and 6 are drawn, it separates the Town of Winterville and they do not think that is in the best interest for the Town of Winterville. He said the new map has divided the Winterville township.

Mr. Robinson said that was all of the public comments.

**Commissioners' Comments**

There were no comments by Commissioners.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 pm.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Owens.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.**

**Vote Record:**  
**Beth Ward**           **Yes**  
**David Hammond**   **Yes**  
**Terry Shank**       **Yes**  
**Tom Coulson**       **Yes**  
**Randy Royal**       **Yes**  
**Glenn Bowen**       **Yes**  
**Eugene James**     **Yes**  
**Tom Johnson**       **Yes**  
**Mark Owens**       **Yes**

**Total Yes Votes: 9**  
**Total No Votes: 0**  
**Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC  
Clerk to the Board