



## Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Public Hearing Minutes

June 20, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Board Meeting Room

### I. Call to Order

| Attendee Name    | Title      | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Theresa Ryan     | District 1 | Present |         |
| Greg Shaw        | District 2 | Present |         |
| Kodie Koenenn    | District 3 | Present |         |
| Scotty Adam      | District 4 | Present |         |
| Darrin Bo Ladner | District 5 | Present |         |

### II. Motions

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes, the Certified Proof of Publication for Notice of Public Hearing concerning Redistricting for Hancock County, Mississippi.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Greg Shaw, District 2

**SECONDER:** Theresa Ryan, District 1

**AYES:** Ryan, Shaw, Koenenn, Adam, Ladner

### III. County Attorney

The record reflects County Attorney read statues governing redistricting. The Board considered the current Benchmark Data, as well as Options 1 and Option 2 as reflected in the attached documentation.

1. Hancock County Redistricting Benchmark Data, Option 1 and Option 2.  
The record reflects with the 2020 Census and under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. 10301, the U.S. Department of Justice, guidelines for redistricting and methods

of electing government bodies. Local entities are now required to redistrict their areas as follows:

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark civil rights law that protects our democratic process against

racial discrimination. One of the key protections of the Voting Rights Act is Section 2, 52 U.S.C. § 10301,

which is a permanent nationwide prohibition on voting practices that discriminate on the basis of race,

color, or membership in a language minority group (as defined in Sections 4(f)(2) and 14(c)(3) of the Act,

52 U.S.C. §§ 10303(f)(2), 10310(c)(3)). Section 2 prohibits both voting practices that result in citizens

being denied equal access to the political process on account of race, color, or membership in a language

minority group, and voting practices adopted or maintained for the purpose of discriminating on those

bases.

The record reflects the current benchmark map (as situated) and population summary, as well as Option 1 map and population summary and Option 2 map and population summary for consideration. Hancock County has 5 Districts which are within 10% of margin, 5% each way, the Districts are generally close in number with a 1 vote per person range. Hancock County has \$46,053 people making an ideal District of approximately 9,211 per District; currently, the current benchmark data shows District 3 as the largest District with a 8.52% deviation, and District 4 being the smallest District with a negative 5.31% deviation, and District 1 with a negative 5.25% deviation from the ideal District population. There is currently a 14% differentiation between District 3 and District 4. As concerns the African American population, we have currently \$3,957 African American persons living in Hancock County; with the ideal 9,211 per District, it is numerically impossible to have a majority/minority District, so the goal is to not dilute or diminish the voting rights of those African American persons. District 1 has 14.1% African American voting persons, District 4 is at 15.11% and is the largest African American voting persons. The aim is not to marginalize nor diminish those voting rights. The considered Option 1 and Option 2 at the northern line, District 4 would gain some of District 5 with the aim of getting District 4 closer to the ideal 9,211 number. Districts 1 and District 2 the dividing line would provide the area North of Herilhy Street in Waveland would be joined from District 2 to District 1 to allow District 1 to gain population since it is one of the smallest and also towards increasing the African American population in that area, from 14.16% to 14.71%, add .55% or 104 African American members to that District; further, the differences between Option 1 and Option 2 from the Cedar Point area of Northern Old Town BSL, Option 1 has the area from below Blue Meadow Road would be moved North to Felicity and the Dunbar area and the boundary of and the East side of Bay St. Louis would remain the same. Option 2 would maintain that Blue Meadow Road, the dividing line between District 3 and District 4, District 4 would gain the area just South of Highway 90 and the Northern part of Old Town Bay St. Louis, from Second Street Eastward towards Court Street. Discussion commenced between the Board.

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**IV. Public Comments**

The record reflects Clarence Harris spoke to the Board regarding any additional information or comments to the redistricting. Mr. Harris was informed that the Public Record will be kept open until Monday, June 27, 2022 until 5:00 p.m., and to submit any comments and/or any additional documents before that time. The record further reflects no one else was in the Board Meeting room to speak regarding the redistricting options proposed.

**V. Close Public Hearing**

1. Motion to close the Public Hearing but keep the record open until Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., for any additional documentation to be submitted to the attention of the County Administrator, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Scotty Adam, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Greg Shaw, District 2  
**AYES:** Ryan, Shaw, Koenenn, Adam, Ladner

**VI. Adjourn / Recess**

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:24:38 PM until Tuesday, July 5, at 9:00 AM.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Scotty Adam, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Greg Shaw, District 2  
**AYES:** Ryan, Shaw, Koenenn, Adam, Ladner

**VII. Additional documentation submitted prior to close of record on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

The record reflects that no additional documentation was submitted for the record prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022.

1. Correspondence dated June 27, 2022, submitted at 3:52 p.m., from the Hancock County, County Attorney regarding 2022 Hancock County District Boundary Redistricting.

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

2. Correspondence dated June 27, 2022, submitted at 9:55 a.m., from the Hancock County Circuit Clerk regarding redistricting concerns.

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

3. Hancock County Justice Court and Constables Benchmark Population Summary and Benchmark Map.

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

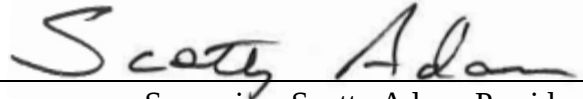
4. Hancock County Option 1B Population Summary and Redistricting Map

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

5. Hancock County Option 2B Population Summary and Redistricting Map

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

The Minutes of the June 20, 2022 have been read and approved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scotty Adam". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Supervisor Scotty Adam, President

# The Sea Coast Echo

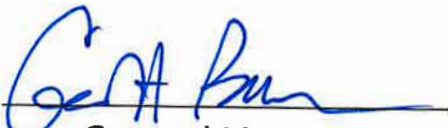
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## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
HANCOCK COUNTY

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, GEOFF BELCHER, General Manager of THE SEA COAST ECHO, a newspaper published in the City of Bay Saint Louis, said County, who being duly sworn, deposes and says the publication of this notice hereunto annexed has been made in the said publication 3 weeks to-wit:

On the 25 day of May 2022  
On the 1 day of JUNE 2022  
On the 8 day of JUNE 2022  
On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

  
General Manager

Sworn to and subscribed before me A NOTARY PUBLIC

  
by   
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

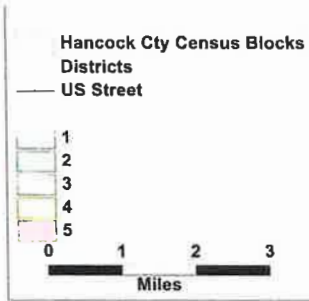


My Commission Expires  
December 31, 2023

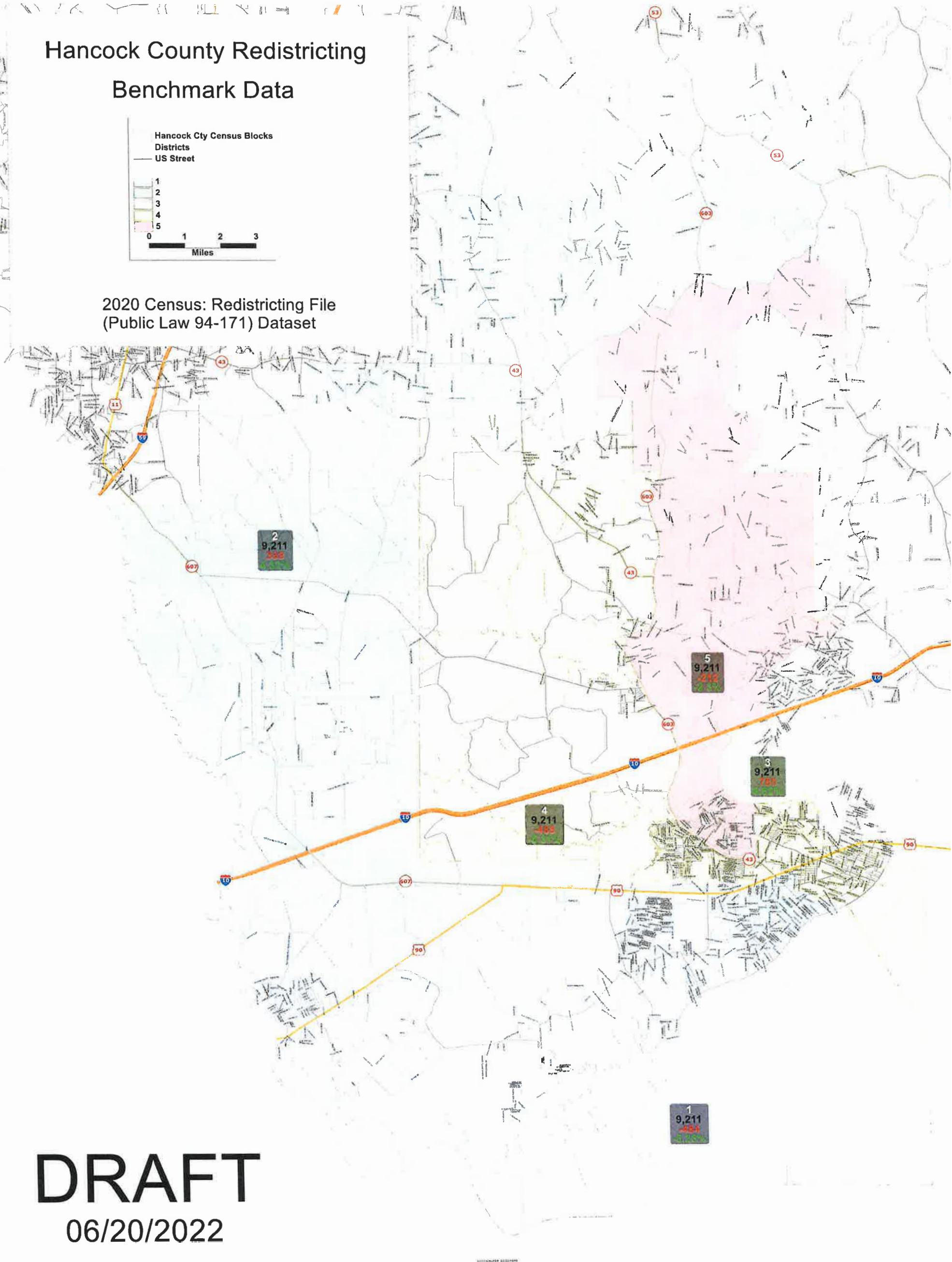
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONCERNING REDISTRICT-  
ING FOR HANCOCK COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the  
Hancock County Board of Super-  
visors will hold a public hearing  
to give citizens of the county  
and other interested persons an  
opportunity to provide input into  
the process of redistricting for the  
Board of Supervisors, Election  
Commissioners, Justice Court  
Judges and Constables. This  
public hearing shall be held for  
the specific purpose of enabling  
the public to comment on the  
proposed redistricting process and  
district boundaries.  
The public hearing will be held  
on June 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at  
the Boardroom of the Hancock  
County Board of Supervisors  
located at 854 Highway 90, Bay  
Saint Louis, Mississippi, 39520.  
The hearing will be opened at  
that time for public discussion  
of district maps and boundaries.  
This hearing is provided to afford  
the public an opportunity to  
participate in the redistricting pro-  
cess. This hearing will be video  
streamed per the normal course  
of business of Hancock County  
Board of Supervisor meetings. In  
addition to attending in person,  
any member of the public may  
submit any documentation con-  
cerning the redistricting process  
to the Hancock County Board of  
Supervisors, which will be made  
a part of the record for this public  
hearing. The hearing  
record will remain open un-  
til June 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to all  
members of the public to re-  
ceive any submissions after the d-  
eadline of the hearing. Any public com-  
ments shall be submitted other than at the  
hearing shall be submitted to the  
subject "Comments Concerning 2022 Redistricting"  
Board of Supervisors via email to  
valerie.fits@co.hancock.ms  
via mail to 854 Highway 90,  
Saint Louis, Mississippi, 39520.  
Those comments shall be received  
prior to the June 27, 2022, 5:  
p.m. deadline. You are invited  
to attend this hearing and offer  
input into the redistricting process  
for Hancock County.  
05/25/22, 06/01/22, 06/08/22

Attachment: Certified Proof of Publication - Notice of Public Hearing concerning Redistricting for Hancock County (11007 : Spread Certified

# Hancock County Redistricting Benchmark Data



2020 Census: Redistricting File  
(Public Law 94-171) Dataset



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Attachment: Benchmark Data Districting Map (11029 : Hancock County Redistricting Benchmark Data, Option 1 and Option 2.)

User: KWH

Plan Name: Hancock Benchmark 2

Plan Type: Hancock Benchmark Double check

## Population Summary

Thursday, January 13, 2022

4:39 PM

### Summary Statistics:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Population Range:        | 8,722 to 9,996  |
| Ratio Range:             | 0.15            |
| Absolute Range:          | -489 to 785     |
| Absolute Overall Range:  | 1,274           |
| Relative Range:          | -5.31% to 8.52% |
| Relative Overall Range:  | 13.83%          |
| Absolute Mean Deviation: | 473.60          |
| Relative Mean Deviation: | 5.14%           |
| Standard Deviation:      | 508.52          |

| District | Population | Deviation | % Devn. | White | [% White] | Black | [% Black] | [18+_Wht] | [% 18+_Wht] | [18+_Blk] | [% 18+_Blk] | Other | [% Other] |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| 1        | 8,727      | -484      | -5.25%  | 6,565 | 75.23%    | 1,236 | 14.16%    | 5,188     | 78.06%      | 855       | 12.86%      | 112   | 1.28%     |
| 2        | 9,609      | 398       | 4.32%   | 7,992 | 83.17%    | 767   | 7.98%     | 6,195     | 84.71%      | 522       | 7.14%       | 156   | 1.62%     |
| 3        | 9,996      | 785       | 8.52%   | 8,699 | 87.02%    | 384   | 3.84%     | 7,189     | 88.15%      | 288       | 3.53%       | 95    | 0.95%     |
| 4        | 8,722      | -489      | -5.31%  | 6,559 | 75.2%     | 1,318 | 15.11%    | 5,413     | 77.25%      | 992       | 14.16%      | 118   | 1.35%     |
| 5        | 8,999      | -212      | -2.30%  | 8,032 | 89.25%    | 252   | 2.8%      | 6,370     | 89.96%      | 180       | 2.54%       | 96    | 1.07%     |

**Total:** 46,053

**Ideal District:** 9,211

# Hancock County Redistricting Option 1

Existing Districts

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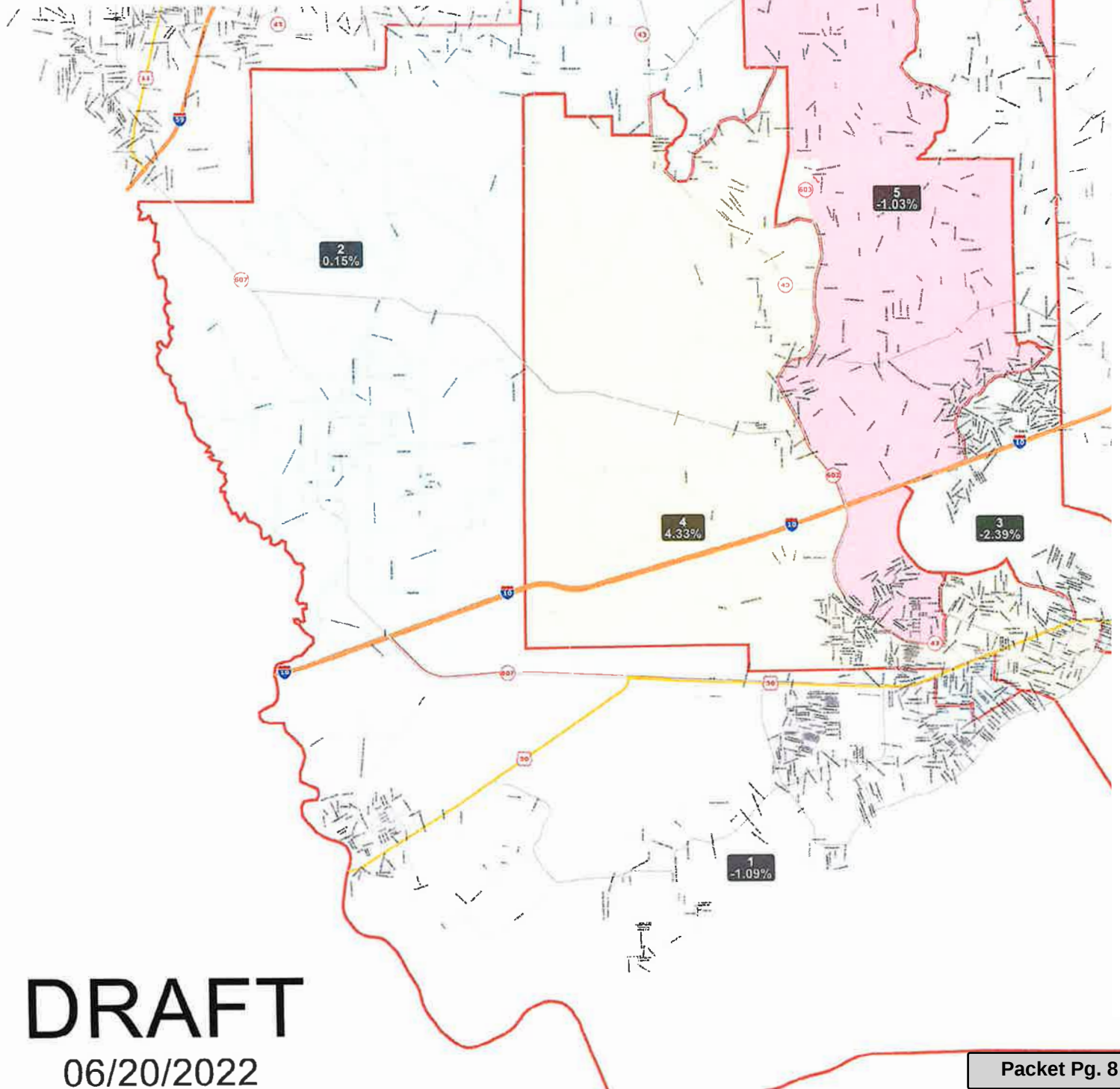
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Proposed Districts in RED

2020 Census: Redistricting File  
(Public Law 94 171) Datacort



Attachment: Option 1 Redistricting Map (11029 : Hancock County Redistricting Benchmark Data, Option 1 and Option 2.)

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User: KWH

Plan Name: Workshop May 10 2022

Plan Type: Hancock Option 1

## Population Summary

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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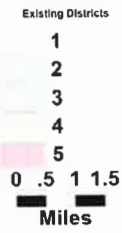
| District | Population | Deviation | % Devn. | White | [% White] | Black | [% Black] | [% 18+<br>_Wht] | [% 18+<br>_Blk] | [% AP_Bl] | [% 18+<br>_AP_Bl] |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1        | 9,111      | -100      | -1.09%  | 6,792 | 74.55%    | 1,340 | 14.71%    | 77.44%          | 13.39%          | 17.11%    | 14.5%             |
| 2        | 9,225      | 14        | 0.15%   | 7,765 | 84.17%    | 663   | 7.19%     | 85.59%          | 6.39%           | 8.49%     | 7.2%              |
| 3        | 8,991      | -220      | -2.39%  | 7,890 | 87.75%    | 255   | 2.84%     | 88.79%          | 2.68%           | 3.74%     | 3.18%             |
| 4        | 9,610      | 399       | 4.33%   | 7,267 | 75.62%    | 1,438 | 14.96%    | 77.6%           | 14.03%          | 16.49%    | 14.94%            |
| 5        | 9,116      | -95       | -1.03%  | 8,133 | 89.22%    | 261   | 2.86%     | 89.93%          | 2.58%           | 3.81%     | 3.2%              |

**Total: 46,053****Ideal District: 9,211**

### Summary Statistics:

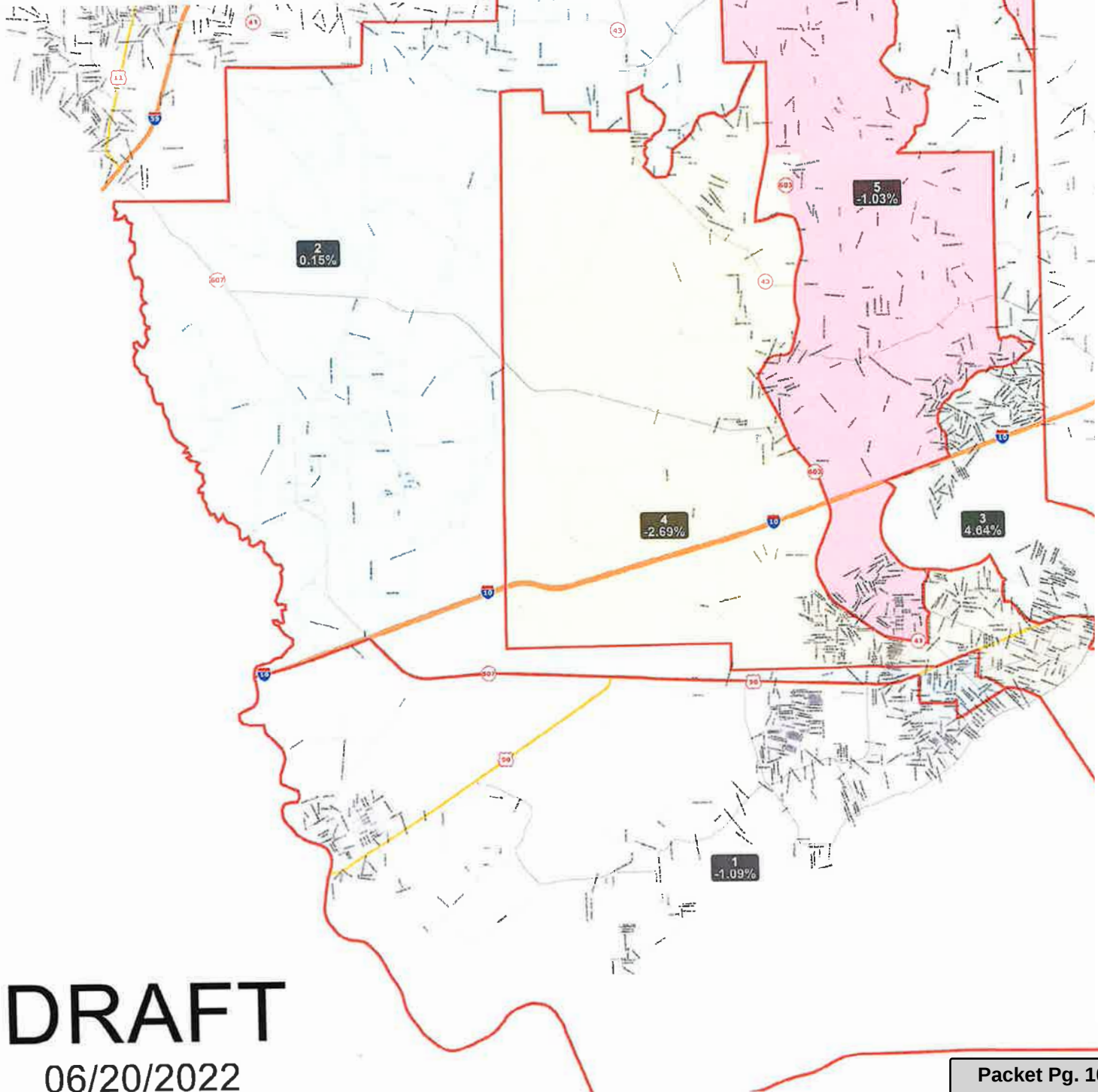
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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Population Range:        | 8,991 to 9,610  |
| Ratio Range:             | 0.07            |
| Absolute Range:          | -220 to 399     |
| Absolute Overall Range:  | 619             |
| Relative Range:          | -2.39% to 4.33% |
| Relative Overall Range:  | 6.72%           |
| Absolute Mean Deviation: | 165.60          |
| Relative Mean Deviation: | 1.80%           |
| Standard Deviation:      | 212.99          |

# Hancock County Redistricting Option 2



Proposed Districts in RED

2020 Census: Redistricting File  
(Public Law 94 171) Dataset



Attachment: Option 2 Redistricting Map (11029 : Hancock County Redistricting Benchmark Data, Option 1 and Option 2.)

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06/20/2022

User: KWH

Plan Name: Hancock County Option 2 051022

Plan Type: Hancock Option 2

## Population Summary

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

3:36 PM

| District | Population | Deviation | % Devn. | White | [% White] | Black | [% Black] | [% 18+<br>_Wht] | [% 18+<br>_Blk] | [% AP_Bl] | [% 18+<br>_AP_Bl] |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1        | 9,111      | -100      | -1.09%  | 6,792 | 74.55%    | 1,340 | 14.71%    | 77.44%          | 13.39%          | 17.11%    | 14.5%             |
| 2        | 9,225      | 14        | 0.15%   | 7,765 | 84.17%    | 663   | 7.19%     | 85.59%          | 6.39%           | 8.49%     | 7.2%              |
| 3        | 9,638      | 427       | 4.64%   | 8,402 | 87.18%    | 368   | 3.82%     | 88.23%          | 3.49%           | 4.7%      | 4.02%             |
| 4        | 8,963      | -248      | -2.69%  | 6,755 | 75.37%    | 1,325 | 14.78%    | 77.5%           | 13.86%          | 16.38%    | 14.77%            |
| 5        | 9,116      | -95       | -1.03%  | 8,133 | 89.22%    | 261   | 2.86%     | 89.93%          | 2.58%           | 3.81%     | 3.2%              |

**Total: 46,053****Ideal District: 9,211**

### Summary Statistics:

Population Range: 8,963 to 9,638  
Ratio Range: 0.08  
Absolute Range: -248 to 427  
Absolute Overall Range: 675  
Relative Range: -2.69% to 4.64%  
Relative Overall Range: 7.33%  
Absolute Mean Deviation: 176.80  
Relative Mean Deviation: 1.92%  
Standard Deviation: 229.37

**From:** [Gary Yarborough](#)  
**To:** [Valerie Fitts](#)  
**Cc:** [Gary Yarborough](#); [Jimmie Ladner](#); [Jeff Loftus](#); [Ken Holland](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:52:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter Yarborough - Fitt re Redistricting.pdf](#)

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Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.  
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Ms. Valerie,

Please see attached for inclusion within the redistricting public hearing record.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: County Attorney email.6.27.2022.Redistricting (11028 : Correspondence from the County Attorney)

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Monday, June 27, 2022

Ms. Valerie Fitts  
 Board of Supervisor Office Clerk

Re: 2022 Hancock County District Boundary Redistricting

Madame Board Clerk:

After review of the information provided at the public hearing and the applicable census statistics, the Board of Supervisors may also consider two other alternate proposals that maintain District 5's boundaries as presently situated. This would make the total population of District 5 Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine (8,999) with a percent deviation of -2.3%. These alternates reduce District 4's population in both options 1 and 2 by one hundred seventeen (117) residents.

So, in addition to Options 1 and 2 presented at the public hearing, the Board may wish to consider maintaining District 5's boundaries. This would allow continuity of that district. This alternative proposal can be presented as Options 1 (B) and 2 (B), respectively. We could provide the complete data tally for these proposals, which I expect will also be presumptively legal, e.g., maintain less than a 10% deviation, not dilute the minority population, etc.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gary M. Yarborough, Jr.*

Gary M. Yarborough, Jr.  
 County Attorney

cc: Jimmie Ladner  
 GRPC

Attachment: Letter Yarborough - Fitt re Redistricting (11028 : Correspondence from the County Attorney)

**From:** [Kendra Ncaise](#)  
**To:** [Valerie Fitts](#)  
**Cc:** [Gary Yarborough](#)  
**Subject:** Letter  
**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2022 9:55:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [3161\\_001.pdf](#)  
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Valerie,

Please see attached letter to Board regarding concerns for redistricting. Thanks so much.

Kendra



**From:** CanonCircuit@co.hancock.ms.us <CanonCircuit@co.hancock.ms.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Kendra Ncaise <Kendra.Ncaise@co.hancock.ms.us>  
**Subject:** Attached Image

Attachment: Circuit Clerk email.6.27.22.redistricting (11027 : Correspondence from the Hancock County Circuit Clerk)



*Kendra Necaïse*  
Hancock County Circuit Clerk

152 Main Street, Suite B | Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 | Office: 228-467-5265 | Fax: 228-467-2779

June 27, 2022

Hancock County Board of Supervisors  
Scotty Adam, President

RE: Redistricting

Supervisors,

I would like to have the following concerns added to the record as discussion for going forward on redistricting:

1. Splitting Diamondhead East precinct into two separate voting locations
2. North Bay West precinct incorporating Green Meadow Road where the polling precinct is currently located
3. Condition of building at Catahoula voting precinct
4. Change the name of City Hall precinct to Senior Citizens Center

Sincerely,

Kendra Necaïse  
Hancock County Circuit Clerk



User:  
Plan Name: **Hancock County JC C Benchmark 051722**  
Plan Type: **Hancock County JC C Bench**

Population Summary

Wednesday, June 29, 20225:02 PM

| District | Population | Deviation | % Devn. | White  | [% White] | Black | [% Black] | [% 18+<br>_Wht] | [% 18+_Blk] | [18+<br>_AP_Bl] |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1        | 16,115     | 764       | 4.98%   | 14,334 | 88.95%    | 415   | 2.58%     | 89.7%           | 2.46%       | 383             |
| 2        | 15,206     | -145      | -0.94%  | 12,329 | 81.08%    | 1,563 | 10.28%    | 82.42%          | 9.67%       | 1,266           |
| 3        | 14,732     | -619      | -4.03%  | 11,184 | 75.92%    | 1,979 | 13.43%    | 78.79%          | 11.94%      | 1,474           |

Total: 46,053  
Ideal District: 15,351

Summary Statistics:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Population Range:        | 14,732 to 16,115 |
| Ratio Range:             | 0.09             |
| Absolute Range:          | -619 to 764      |
| Absolute Overall Range:  | 1,383            |
| Relative Range:          | -4.03% to 4.98%  |
| Relative Overall Range:  | 9.01%            |
| Absolute Mean Deviation: | 509.33           |
| Relative Mean Deviation: | 3.32%            |
| Standard Deviation:      | 573.84           |

# Hancock County Redistricting Justice Court and Constables

Justice/Constables

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Post 2

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## Benchmark Data

2020 Census: Redistricting File  
(Public Law 94-171) Dataset

