

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #2012-17

*A Resolution Adopting County Commissioner Districts
and Establishing Terms of Office*

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 204B.135, subd. 2 requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2010 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Benton County Commissioner Districts by May 1, 2012, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and

WHEREAS, the County Board considered numerous redistricting options, choosing one which allows the populations of all Commissioner Districts to fall within 10% of the average of all Districts; and

WHEREAS, the County Board's redistricting plan distributes the County's population among the five Commissioner Districts as close to the goal average as possible, considering new City and Township precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes the redistricting plan complies with the statutory requirement that Commissioner Districts must be regular and compact in form; and

WHEREAS, the County Board's redistricting plan results in all Commissioner Districts being composed of contiguous territory, correcting problems created when City annexations occurred since the last redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Benton County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing commissioners' proceedings for the county for 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County conducted a public meeting on redistricting on April 17, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Benton, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as established in April 2012, and re-establishes the length of terms as follows:

District 1 – Warren Peschl

[St. George Township](#)
[Glendorado Township](#)
[Gilmanton Township](#)
[Maywood Township](#)
[Granite Ledge Township](#)
[City of Foley](#)
[City of Gilman](#)

Term: 4 Years

Year District Must Run for Election: 2012

District 2 – Joe Wollak

[Mayhew Lake Township](#)
[Watab Township](#)
[Langola Township](#)
[Graham Township](#)
[Alberta Township](#)
[City of Rice](#)
[City of Royalton](#)

Term: 4 Years

Year District Must Run for Election: 2014

District 3 – James McMahon, Sr.

[City of Sartell](#)
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 3
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 4

Term: 2 Years

Year District Must Run for Election: 2012

District 4 – Spencer Buerkle

[Sauk Rapids Township](#) Precinct 1
[Sauk Rapids Township](#) Precinct 3
[Minden Township](#), Precinct 2
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 1
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 2
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 5

Term: 4 Years

Year District Must Run for Election: 2012

District 5 – Earl Bukowski

[Minden Township](#), Precinct 1
[City of Sauk Rapids](#), Precinct 6
[City of St. Cloud](#), Ward 2 Precinct 1
[City of St. Cloud](#), Ward 2 Precinct 3
[City of St. Cloud](#), Ward 2 Precinct 4

Term: 4 Years

Year District Must Run for Election: 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor by May 8, 2012, to be effective June 8, 2012, for the 2012 primary and general election and publish in the Benton County News and Sauk Rapids Herald.

BE IN FINALLY RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which by reference is hereby made a part thereof.

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2012

Note: A final signed version of this Resolution is on file with the Benton County Auditor-Treasurer