

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: May 3, 2022

Resolution No: 34-22

Motion by Commissioner: Workman

Seconded by Commissioner: Fahey

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CARVER COUNTY COMMISSIONER REDISTRICTING PLAN: **OPTION A**

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 Statutes §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 and the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Carver County Commissioner Districts by April 26, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Carver County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioner's proceedings for the county for 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Carver County conducted a public meeting on redistricting on April 19, 2022 and April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based upon all the available data, various redistricting options have been considered by the county board; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 375.025, subd. 1 sets the following standards for county commissioner districts:

1. Each county shall be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as it has members of the county board;
2. Commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward or precinct lines;
3. Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form as practicable; depending upon geography of the county involved and shall be as nearly equal in population as possible; however, mathematical equality is not required;
4. No district shall vary in population more than 10 percent from the average for all districts in the county, unless the result forces a voting precinct to be split;
5. A majority of the least populous districts shall contain not less than a majority of the population of the county; and,

WHEREAS, the county board also recognizes that an important consideration of a plan are to keep communities of interest as whole as possible; and

WHEREAS, the county board recognizes and acknowledges that a plan will not and cannot be selected for the purpose of protecting or defeating incumbents; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has further determined that **Option A**:

1. Is as nearly equal in population, as possible; after considering the unintended consequence of the statutory requirement for municipal annexations that create “islands” of territory which must keep their corresponding voting precincts connected and that Options B, C & E are closer to equal in population but less regular and compact;
2. Varies more in population than 10 percent in Districts 2, 4, & 5 however, getting under the 10% deviation for Districts 4 & 5 would force a voting precinct to be split, which is not allowed;
3. Creates a stronger equality of communities of interest and representation – for example, keeping rural, urban and suburban communities in as separate districts as possible;
4. Is bounded by precinct lines, is made up of contiguous territory, and is established so that the majority of the least populous districts contain not less than a majority of the population of the county;
5. There are no options that would strictly meet all statutory requirements.

WHEREAS, the County Board has further determined that Option B:

1. Has less compactness for District 2; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board has further determined that Option C:

1. Has less compactness and is less contiguous for District 3; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board has further determined that Option E:

1. Has less compactness for Districts 2 & 5; and,
2. Creates a geographical area (northwest corner of county to southeast corner of county) that would be challenging for fair and equal representation

WHEREAS, the County Board has further determined that Option D:

1. Does not meet the statutory requirement for municipal annexations that create “islands” of territory which must keep their corresponding voting precincts connected;
2. Does not follow the statutory requirement for Districts to follow municipal precinct lines; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carver County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Carver, following town, municipal, ward city districts, or precinct lines as reestablished in April 2022, as follows:

District 1 - Chanhassen Precinct 5, Chanhassen Precinct 6, Chaska Ward 3, Chaska Ward 4.

District 2- Chanhassen Precinct 1, Chanhassen Precinct 2, Chanhassen Precinct 3, Chanhassen Precinct 4, Shorewood Precinct 2, Victoria Precinct 1.

District 3 - Chaska Ward 1 Precinct 1, Chaska Ward 1 Precinct 2, Chaska Ward 2 Precinct 1, Chaska Ward 2 Precinct 2, Victoria Precinct 2, Victoria Precinct 3, Victoria Precinct 4.

District 4- Hollywood Township, Laketown Township, Mayer, Victoria Precinct 5, Waconia Township, Waconia Precinct 1, Waconia Precinct 2, Waconia Precinct 3, Watertown Township, Watertown.

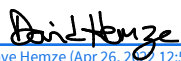
District 5-Benton Township, Camden Township, Carver, Cologne, Dahlgren Township, Hamburg, Hancock Township, New Germany, Norwood Young America, San Francisco Township, Young America Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the redistricting plan shall immediately be filed in the office of the County Auditor to be effective for the 2022 primary and general elections.

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

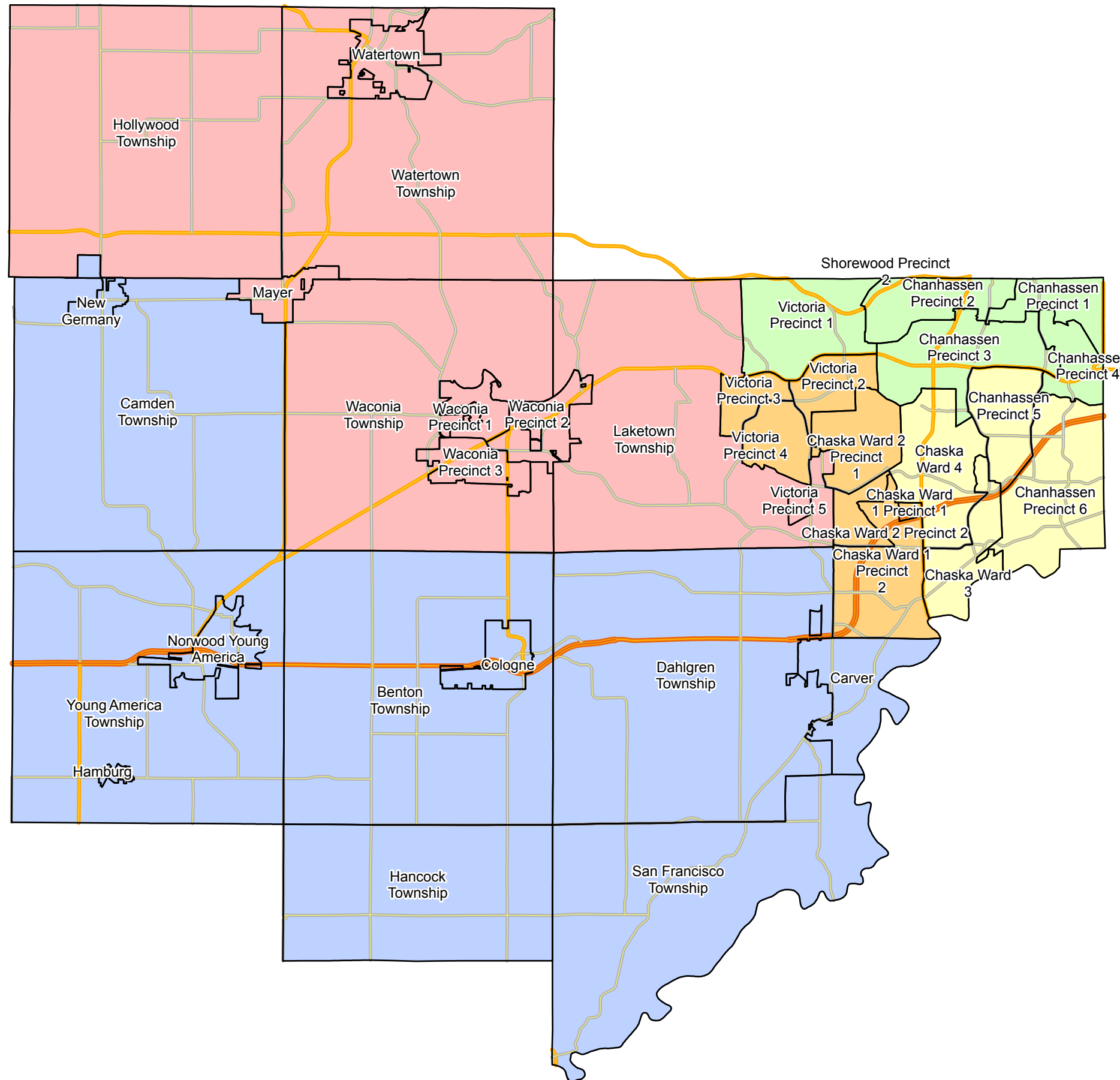
Yes	No	Absent
Degler		
Fahey		
Lynch		
Udermann		
Workman		

I, David Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 26th day of April 2022, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.


Dave Hemze (Apr 26, 2022 12:50 CDT)

County Administrator

Map Date: 4/13/2022



District	Population	Population Deviation	Population Deviation %
1	22,445	1,061	4.96%
2	18,688	-2,696	-12.61%
3	23,174	1,790	8.37%
4	25,425	4,041	18.90%
5	17,190	-4,194	-19.61%

District Details

- DISTRICT 1: 22,445
 - Chanhassen Precinct 5: 4,647
 - Chanhassen Precinct 6: 4,436
 - Chaska Ward 3: 7,017
 - Chaska Ward 4: 6,345
- DISTRICT 2: 18,688
 - Chanhassen Precinct 1: 3,964
 - Chanhassen Precinct 2: 3,895
 - Chanhassen Precinct 3: 4,442
 - Chanhassen Precinct 4: 4,563
 - Shorewood Precinct 2: 4
 - Victoria Precinct 1: 1,820
- DISTRICT 3: 23,174
 - Chaska Ward 1 Precinct 1: 424
 - Chaska Ward 1 Precinct 2: 6,508
 - Chaska Ward 2 Precinct 1: 3,166
 - Chaska Ward 2 Precinct 2: 4,350
 - Victoria Precinct 2: 3,595
 - Victoria Precinct 3: 2,363
 - Victoria Precinct 4: 2,768
- DISTRICT 4: 25,425
 - Hollywood Township: 1,058
 - Laketown Township: 1,962
 - Mayer: 2,453
 - Victoria Precinct 5: 4
 - Waconia Precinct 1: 3,666
 - Waconia Precinct 2: 4,802
 - Waconia Precinct 3: 4,565
 - Waconia Township: 1,068
 - Watertown Township: 1,188
 - Watertown: 4,659
- DISTRICT 5: 17,190
 - Benton Township: 753
 - Camden Township: 924
 - Carver: 5,241
 - Cologne: 2,047
 - Dahlgren Township: 1,442
 - Hamburg: 566
 - Hancock Township: 336
 - New Germany: 464
 - Norwood Young America: 3,863
 - San Francisco Township: 871
 - Young America Township: 683

Populations from 2020 US Census