

## Billings County Redistricting Board to hold Public Hearings

The Billings County Redistricting Board will hold public hearings to present plans for redistricting the County Commission districts on **Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Billings County Commission Room in Medora** and **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Fairfield Firehall in Fairfield**. Public comment regarding the plans will be accepted in-person during the hearing. Emailed comments will be accepted by Friday, December 10, 2021. They may be submitted to [mdlamb@nd.gov](mailto:mdlamb@nd.gov) .

Redistricting of County Commission Districts occurs after each federal decennial census. Per ND Century Code Chapter 11-07, counties that have at least one County Commission District that deviates more than 10% from the average population per commissioner as determined by dividing the total population of the county from the most recent census (Census 2020) by the number of commission districts in the county must redistrict. Billings County meets this criteria for redistricting in 2021 for all three districts.

Billings County currently has 3 Commission Districts. Based on the 2020 Census, the population of Billings County is 945. The boundaries of each district need to be redrawn to redistribute the County's growing population so that each district has a population as close to 315 as possible, with a margin of +/- 10%. The way the commission districts are currently drawn, there are 159 people in District 1, 388 people in District 2 and 398 people in District 3.

When creating the plans, the following items, among others, are being considered:

- Population
- Location of township boundaries and section lines to keep districts contiguous
- Shape of the district to maintain compactness and regularity in form
- Major development projects and subdivisions (current and future)
- Implications for determining voting precincts

More information about the Redistricting Process and maps of the proposed options may be requested from the Billings County Auditor's office at 701-623-4277 or by email at [mdlamb@nd.gov](mailto:mdlamb@nd.gov) .