

**December 9, 2019**

**TO: MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**CC: SECRETARY OF STATE**

**FROM: IOWA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**

**RE: MITCHELL COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING REPORT — PLAN I —  
ADDENDUM**

## **I. PLAN “THREE” COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING REQUIREMENTS**

Procedural and substantive requirements for plan “three” county supervisor redistricting were described in the Mitchell County Supervisor Redistricting Report prepared by the Legislative Services Agency, dated November 14, 2019, and submitted to Mitchell County and the Secretary of State ([www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/CSR/1074065.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/CSR/1074065.pdf)). The contents of that report relating to plan “three” county supervisor redistricting requirements and standards are incorporated by reference and made a part of this report.

## **II. MITCHELL COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING**

### **A. PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW.**

Mitchell County elects county supervisors under plan “three” as defined in Iowa Code section 331.206. As part of the general election held in 2018, Mitchell County voters increased the number of county supervisors from three to five. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.203, Mitchell County is required to divide the county into five equal-population districts by December 15, 2019. In October 2019, Mitchell County submitted a proposed reprecincting plan to the Secretary of State, which plan is necessary to allow for the adoption of five equal-population county supervisor districts. On October 28, 2019, the Secretary of State submitted the proposed reprecincting plan to the Legislative Services Agency for review. Following that review, the Legislative Services Agency submitted a report, dated November 14, 2019, indicating that additional reprecincting was required. On November 26, 2019, Mitchell County submitted a revised reprecincting plan to the Secretary of State. On December 4, 2019, the Secretary of State determined that the revised precincts appeared to be in compliance with Iowa Code and submitted the revised reprecincting plan to the Legislative Services Agency.

### **B. PLAN I - MITCHELL COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS**

#### **1. PLAN SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.**

**OVERVIEW.** In the development of the proposed county supervisor redistricting plan, at no time did any member of the Legislative Services Agency redistricting team consider the addresses of incumbents, the political affiliations of registered voters, previous election results, or demographic information other than population headcounts. Plan selection was based solely upon the standards, as described in this report, applicable to plan “three” county supervisor districts.

**PRECINCTS.** The revised precinct plan for Mitchell County is in substantial compliance with legal standards applicable to precincts and allows for the drawing of a valid supervisor redistricting plan.

**POPULATION EQUALITY.** Pursuant to the 2010 federal decennial census, the total population of Mitchell County is 10,776 persons. With five supervisor districts, the ideal population size for each county supervisor district is 2,155 persons. Based on the requirement that a county board of supervisors has the burden of proof to justify any supervisor district that deviates from the ideal population by more than 1 percent, or 21.55 persons, each county supervisor district in the plan for Mitchell County has a population of between 2,134 and 2,176 persons.

**CITIES.** Iowa Code section 49.3(2)(e) provides that cities shall not be divided into two or more county supervisor districts unless the population of the city is greater than the ideal size of a district and cities shall be divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible.

Based on this requirement, cities that did not exceed the ideal size of a district were not divided into two or more county supervisor districts in the plan. The city of Osage, with a population of 3,619 based on the 2010 federal decennial census, exceeds the ideal size of a district. As a result, Osage was divided into two districts, the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible.

## **2. MITCHELL COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS - PLAN I DESCRIPTION.**

**PLAN I.** The first proposed county supervisor redistricting plan for Mitchell County is as follows:

District 1. Precincts 2, 3, and 11.

District 2. Precincts 1, 4, and 12.

District 3. Precincts 5 and 6.

District 4. Precincts 7 and 8.

District 5. Precincts 9 and 10.

**C. PLAN I PUBLIC NOTICE.** The requirements of making information about the plan available to the public shall be met by making this report and the attachments available through the Legal Topic Publications section on the Iowa General Assembly's website located at the following link: [www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/legalPubs](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/legalPubs).

## **III. ATTACHMENTS**

Attached to this Report are the following:

- 1 — Descriptions of revised precincts as submitted by Mitchell County.
- 2 — Map of proposed county supervisor districts – Plan I.
- 3 — Information including populations and population variance statistics for each county supervisor district in Plan I.

## PRECINCT DESCRIPTIONS – 2010 CENSUS

Precinct #1: Located in Osage Township and is contained within the same boundaries as Ward 1 in the city of Osage.

Precinct #2: Located in Osage Township and is contained within the same boundaries as Ward 2 in the city of Osage.

Precinct #3: Located in Osage Township and is contained within the same boundaries as Ward 3 in the city of Osage.

Precinct #4: Located in Osage Township and is contained within the same boundaries as Ward 4 in the city of Osage.

Precinct #5: Contains all of Douglas, Burr Oak, and East Lincoln Townships, and that part of West Lincoln Township located East of US Highway 218 of which are census blocks 1080, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1110, 1111, and 1137 and also referred to as Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14,15, and that part of Section 2 in West Lincoln Township.

Precinct #6: Contains all of Wayne and Jenkins Townships and Liberty Township, except that part of Liberty Township census blocks 2099, 2100, 2102 through 2117, 2121 through 2123, 4084, and 4095 and also referred to as Sections 1 through 10, 12, 16, 17, and 18. This precinct includes the cities of McIntire and that portion of Riceville within Mitchell County.

Precinct #7: Contains all of Union and Stacyville Townships and that part of Liberty Township census blocks 2099, 2100, 2102 through 2117, 2121 through 2123, 4084, and 4095 and also referred to as Sections 1 through 10, 12, 16, 17, and 18. This precinct includes the city of Stacyville.

Precinct #8: Contains all of Otranto, Newburg, and Rock Townships. This precinct includes the city of Carpenter.

Precinct #9: Contains all of St. Ansgar Township and that part of Mitchell Township of which are census blocks 1032 through 1041, 1043, 1044, 1045, and 1057, and also referred to as Sections 21 through 29, and part of Sections 32, 33, and 4. This precinct includes the city of St. Ansgar.

Precinct #10: Contains Mitchell Township except that part of Mitchell Township of which are census blocks 1032 through 1041, 1043, 1044, 1045, and 1057, and also referred to as Sections 21 through 29, and part of Sections 32, 33, and 4, and except that part of Cedar Township of which are census blocks 1100, 1101, 1132, 2069, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2130 through 2133, 1052, 3050 through 3053, and 3060 also referred to as Sections 11, 14, and that part of Sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 35, and 36 in Cedar Township. This precinct includes the city of Mitchell.

Precinct #11: Contains that part of Osage Township west of the city of Osage census blocks 1107, 1108, 1114 through 1118, 1127 through 1130, 2138, 2063, 2140, 3020, 3054, 3059, 4001 through 4006, and 4054 and also referred to as Sections 14, 22, and that part of Sections 15, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 35 in Osage Township, and that part of Cedar Township of which are census blocks 1100, 1101, 1132, 2069, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2130 through 2133, 1052, 3050 through 3053, and 3060 also referred to as Sections 11, 14, and that part of Sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 35, and 36 in Cedar Township.

Precinct #12: Contains that part of Osage Township east of the city of Osage census blocks 1043, 1044, 1047 through 1052, 1071 through 1076, 1106, 2000, and 4000 and also referred to as Sections 13, 17

through 20, 29, 30 and that part of Sections 24, 25, 31, 32, and 36 in Osage Township, and except that part of West Lincoln Township located East of US Highway 218 of which are census blocks 1080, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1110, 1111, and 1137 and also referred to as Sections 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, and that part of Section 2, 34, and 35 in West Lincoln Township. This precinct includes the city of Orchard.

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# Plan I



