

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
REGULAR MEETING**

October 26, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Harris Hall

Commissioner Faye Stewart presided with Commissioners Jay Bozievich, Rob Handy, Sid Leiken and Pete Sorenson present. County Administrator Liane Richardson, County Counsel Stephen Vorhes and Recording Secretary Melissa Zimmer were also present.

12. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. 8-11/In the Matter of Reviewing and Modifying the District Boundaries for Election of County Commissioners (Scenario 3).
- b. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. 9-11/In the Matter of Reviewing and Modifying the District Boundaries for Election of County Commissioners (Scenario 8).
- c. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. 10-11/In the Matter of Reviewing and Modifying the District Boundaries for Election of County Commissioners (Scenario 1).

Vorhes explained that the Board has in front of them the three ordinances as read. He recalled that last week the Board received information on how the minor changes were made and what the changes were from County Clerk Cheryl Betschart. He added they also have the population figures for each ordinance.

Handy entered a memo into the record from Secretary of State Kate Brown. He stated that the directive does not require jurisdictions to redraw their district boundaries if the governing body deems it unnecessary. He said they also have an advisory from the Whitaker Community Council, to vote no on Scenario 8 and from the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce to vote no on Scenario 8. He stated that today's meeting is not about whether or not the Board moves any one particular scenario forward as the new ordinance for redistricting, it is about defining how as people they want Lane County to operate. He stated the Board appointed a Redistricting Task Force made up of a bipartisan group with decades of combined political experience. He said the directive to the group was to come up with recommendations to the Board for a new ordinance consistent with the Lane Charter and within the guidelines as laid down by the Secretary of State. He said the task force did its job and reviewed scenarios created by LCOG and Commissioner Bozievich, who inappropriately inserted himself into the redistricting process early and often.

Handy said the task force forwarded five scenarios to the Board. He noted one scenario they did not forward was the original Scenario 6 and it was rejected because it made too many unnecessary changes to the district boundaries. He indicated that Bozievich forwarded Scenario 6 himself. Handy said weeks later after a huge public outcry occurred about Scenario 6, Bozievich created another scenario and presented it after the public hearing. He said the new map was loosely based on the originally rejected Scenario 6 but made so many large and major changes that it was named Scenario 8 to reflect that it is another creation. Handy noted that Scenario 3 is the compromise scenario supported early by the League of Women Voters because it is a compromise. He added that Scenario 1 and 3 were also recommended by the task force. He stated that he could support Scenario 1 or 3 or a further tweak to three.

Handy commented that Bozievich's Scenario was clearly reverse engineered to move progressive precincts from North Eugene into South Eugene. He said Bozievich went beyond the language of the Lane Charter and overly urbanized the East Lane District and overly ruralized the Springfield District. Handy indicated diverse groups like the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Whitaker Community Council have both come out officially strongly against Scenario 8 because the large and unnecessary changes are harmful to these and other areas. He said the choices with the scenarios are not only about the maps, they are about the process. He asked if they wanted to support a process with citizen and resident involvement from experts with decades of experience in redistricting, or do they want to simply allow a rouge Commissioner Bozievich to use the redistricting process as one more attempt to make Lane County into his own image. He stated their choice is clear: if they simply want to allow one individual commissioner to determine the new commission boundaries for Lane County, then vote for Scenario 8. He added if they believe there is value in their democratic process and public input and working together to find common ground, then Scenario 3 or some version thereof is a better option. He stated that he doesn't want to live in a County that is tailored to fit the vision of one commissioner. He didn't believe that Bozievich has the experience or even the right values to be the primary leader of Lane County. He said the unnecessary rancor and grief caused by this hijacking of the redistricting process is proof positive.

Bozievich commented that he found it unfortunate that his fellow commissioner decided to start arguing about the motions prior to hearing from the public. He said that some of Handy's accusations are without merit and without fact. He said Scenario 6 that Handy pointed to was a scenario drafted at the direction of two of the task force members: Dan Egan and Bill Van Vactor and it was not his scenario. He said there has not been any attempt of reverse engineering. He said what there has been is an attempt to utilize I-5 as a natural geographic boundary between Springfield and Eugene and recognizing HB3337 to try to provide homogenous and more unified areas of the metropolitan area for representation in the rural districts that are scattered among the periphery. He added that they also tried to

pay attention to the Secretary of State's criteria. He said they have been following the law and not hijacking the process. He hoped they could wait until after they hear from the public to start arguing and debating the merits of the ordinances.

Commissioner Stewart opened the Public Hearing.

Christine Lundberg, Mayor of City of Springfield, indicated that she had looked at the three scenarios, and what she would think would be in the best interest of the city of Springfield and the best interest in terms of representation. She said she liked Scenario 8 best because it engulfs their School District and their Park District. She noted the Park District extends into Glenwood and their School District extends east. She said they have looked for many ways to include the School District in terms of how they look at the community as a whole. She said it would benefit them if they would be more inclusive in terms of their commission district. She said it compromises other scenarios in some ways and she thought there could be a way to remedy that. She stated on behalf of the citizen of Springfield, she advocated for Scenario 8 and hoped the Board will look favorably upon Scenario 8. She wanted Glenwood to be part of the Springfield District and if Eugene east of I-5 prefers to be in the North Eugene District, it makes sense as there is a freeway in-between.

Joe Pishoneri, Springfield, said he supported Scenario 8 with a secondary preference of Scenario 3. He stated that Scenario 8 made a lot of sense with regard to the overlay of different districts like Mayor Lundberg had pointed out. He indicated that this change is for the next decade. He added that it should always play a role in the decision making process to not get focused on what is in front of them, but to focus into the future. With regard to the Glenwood area, both Scenarios 3 and 8 take into consideration that Glenwood is now a part of Springfield and representation by the commissioner is important. He thought the logic with the lines of Scenario 8 is worth considering. He commented that Scenario 8 also makes sense on the boundaries. He said he represents the citizens of Springfield as a city councilor and he thinks for the best interest of the citizens, Scenario 8 was the best choice followed by Scenario 3.

Shaylor Scalf, Junction City, distributed a letter. (Copy in file). He stated that what Handy said about Bozievich being in violation of the Charter is not true. Scalf said he was on the Charter Review Committee and the committee sets what the Charter states every ten years. He said in the event this Board changes the lines of the redistricting, it will change the Charter lines. He stated he is for Scenario 8 because he is an engineer and he looks at things analytically. He said in accordance with rules and regulations set by the Secretary of State, Scenario 8 best fits with the Secretary of State's scenario for what they have mandated. He recommended Scenario 8 and other neighbors from Junction City agreed.

Bill Young, Eugene, advocated for a common sense solution and he thought Scenario 8 was the common sense solution, He said it uses the natural geographic boundaries, the boundaries put in by the freeway, and it has common

neighborhoods with common interests. He added that it puts Springfield in their own district and those are things for the long term they need to look at. He said people who are objecting now, had no objection to what happened ten years ago. He proposed Scenario 8.

Joan Seidel, Cottage Grove, said the commissioners are supposed to be nonpartisan. She said it is obvious that it has become partisan. She encouraged a compromise. She thought Scenario 3 was a compromise as it did many favorable things for Springfield and for using the boundaries. She said it helps with the Glenwood problem. She hoped Stewart would listen to the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and not pick Scenario 8. She said the Board needs to compromise and to get over constant bickering.

Scott Bartlett, Eugene, asked the Board to do the right thing and respect the overwhelming majority of Lane County citizens who have contacted them to oppose Scenario 8 and to endorse either Scenarios 1 or 3, revised. He believed Scenario 8 would be divisive. He said 9,200 residents would be forced to move from the South Eugene District into East Lane. He added another 3,124 Eugene city residents according to Bozievich reside in the West Lane District would also move to the East Lane. Bartlett said that would urbanize greatly the East Lane District. He stated that 8,200 unincorporated residents now living in rural East Lane County would be forced into the metropolitan Springfield District and would expand it from 18.3 square miles to over 61.6 square miles. He said that 9,459 residents of North Eugene mostly residing in Whitaker and Downtown Eugene and within the North Eugene High School zone would be forced against their will to go into the South Eugene District. He said Scenario 8 flies in the face of such opposition from Eugene's mayor, former Commissioner Cindy Weeldreyer, Bill Dwyer and Bill Fleenor. He asked the Board to stand tall, to dig deep and do the right thing. He said it is time to compromise. He said Scenario 8 causes too much pain. He asked to find a way in Scenario 3 to address whatever other issues there are. He asked to keep the Board together and not create this fractional problem.

Hal Reed, Eugene, said he believed the guidelines that were put out by the Secretary of State are reasonable and fair. He said the Lane County Charter also gives a general description of the boundaries. He said Scenario 1 adopted in 2001 does not come close to meeting the guidelines and one could easily draw the conclusion that these boundaries are an example of gerrymandering at its worst. He said that Scenario 3 is not worth discussing, as it is an obvious attempt by Handy and his people to gerrymander one of his potential opponents out of his district. He added that was also in The Register Guard today. He stated that Scenario 8 appears to be the best solution to the redistricting the Board has to accomplish. He said Scenario 8 is consistent with the state guidelines and the County Charter. He said it generally follows geographic boundaries and it keeps most existing neighborhoods and communities of interest together. He said approval of Scenario 8 will go a long way to make the gerrymandering that took place in 2001 go away.

Duncan Murray, Eugene, urged the Board to vote for Scenario 8 for the following reasons: it uses I-5 as a natural boundary. He said it moves Glenwood into Springfield, it moves his Harlow Road neighborhood into a Eugene District, reflecting the fact that their interests are much more aligned with Eugene than Springfield. He said it will make the North Eugene District more competitive, giving Lane County four competitive districts. He added it will leave only four neighborhoods to be split between two commissioners. He said Scenario 8 is the most consistent with the Lane County Charter and the Secretary of State's redistricting criteria.

Alice Doyle, Cottage Grove, stated that many working people were unable to attend today because of the time of the hearing. She submitted letters from Leslie Rubenstein and Cindy Weeldreyer and letters to the editor by Julie Parker and the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce as printed into today's Sentinel. She also put into the record the redistricting articles and op ed's from The Register Guard. She said each of the letters and article state that Scenario 8 smacks of politics. She said as a long time resident of Lane County and a long time Cottage Grove business owner, she asked the Board to forget Scenario 8. She said she doesn't want the redistricting and the neighbors don't want it. She commented that the whole exercise has wasted enough time, is negative and has alienated people. She said they need to focus on economic issues now and in the future.

Charles Tannenbaum, Springfield, said he came as a citizen but he is an active member of the McKenzie Clearwater Coalition. He recommended that everyone read The Register Guard, for a clear and compelling argument for not making any changes in the redistricting. He said the changes are due to minuscule population differences between who would be in the new districts and who are in the districts now. He said to do a total revamping for this redistricting is blown out of proportion. He indicated Scenarios 3 and 8 would both incorporate rural areas into what would be a primarily urban area. He said that rural populations have different needs and wants and to dilute the influence and the voting power of the rural areas would be unfair. He said for those reasons, he proposed not making any changes.

Gary Crum, Junction City, said that proposals 6 and 7 were rejected by the Redistricting Task Force and at the last hearing they were overwhelmingly condemned by the people who testified. He recalled that Bozievich rebranded number 6 and presented it as number 8. He said that Scenario 8 would take 9,000 registered Democrats out of the North Eugene Commissioner's district.

Allen Hancock, Eugene, said he came to testify three weeks ago and he asked the Board to provide hard evidence that the citizens of Lane County have been unhappy, dissatisfied or not well served by the current boundaries. He hasn't seen the preponderance of the evidence that the people of Lane County haven't been served. He stated that was a fundamental criteria for making a decision. He said testimony, meeting with the constituents and letters to the editor haven't come

forth. He said they have seen dissatisfaction with the proposals to change the boundaries significantly. He thought an outcome of choosing a scenario that creates radical changes like Scenario 8 will result in the state being involved, legal challenges and it will cost taxpayers money. He stated as a taxpayer he didn't vote for commissioners to spend money on proposals that aren't supported by evidence by the citizens of the County. He encouraged the Board to save money and choose an alternative that has the least amount of manipulation to the district so they can move forward to other matters of importance.

Robert Emmons, Fall Creek, said he is commenting on his own behalf and for Landwatch of Lane County, a nonprofit dedicated to the protection of farmland, forestland and natural areas. He said there is no compelling reason to change the present commission district boundaries, but he said if some changes must be made, they would support Scenario 3 that would move Glenwood only into Springfield, retain Whitaker and Bethel in North Eugene, (including Mike Clark as well) and honor the Lane County Charter by keeping the three metro districts urban and the two rural districts rural. He said Scenario 8 expands the Springfield District into rural Mohawk and Marcola and the Upper McKenzie River and those are currently in Stewart's district. He added it takes 9,207 South Eugene residents and moves them into rural East Eugene and it relocates the more liberal Whitaker neighborhood into South Eugene. He said the Redistricting Committee appointed by the Board chose Scenarios 1 and 3 to pass onto the commissioners. He said after the committee's decisions had been made, Bozievich came up with Scenario 8 in a blatant attempt to skew the districts for partisan political gain. Emmons said Stewart said that those opposed to Scenario 8 are all from Eugene and the people in his district back him in his support for this unvetted proposal. He urged Stewart to join a Board majority for either Scenario 1 or 3. Emmons said his preference is for Scenario 1.

Loren Lader, Springfield, stated he is a resident of East Lane County. He supports Scenario 8. He said the scenario does the best job of keeping like communities together and it recognizes natural and social boundaries. He liked that Scenario 8 recognizes I-5 as a natural boundary, moves Glenwood back into Springfield, moves Harlow Road area back into Eugene and keeps East Lane out of the North District. He added that it corrects the East and West District geographic boundaries and makes a better separation between rural and urban areas of the County. He stated the change to him is a welcome one and not one of excruciating pain. He believes that it begins to repair some of the political inequities created by the last redistricting effort ten years ago. He urged the Board to vote for Scenario 8.

Russell Aldrich, Junction City, commented that the bickering on the Board shouldn't be present for public leaders. He urged the Board to accept Scenario 8. He believes that it is the most equitable and fair. He agreed with compromising but not when it comes to the choice of what is right. He believed Scenario 8 is the right choice. He asked the Board to support Scenario 8.

Chuck Moss, Eugene, spoke in favor of Scenario 8. He said it recognizes political, natural boundaries and neighborhood boundaries. He said that Scenarios 1 and 3 do not do that as much. He said Scenario 1 has Harlow Road neighborhood in Springfield and the Glenwood area in Eugene. He added it looks at Chad and the eastern part of Crescent Drive in East Lane. He noted that Scenario 3 tries to do the same thing, it moves Harlow Road back into Eugene, it agrees with Scenario 8 in that it moves Glenwood into Springfield. He said that Handy must be mad at the people in the North Cal Young neighborhood because all of a sudden they are in the East Lane District. He asked if that was gerrymandering. He said while Scenario 3 increases population differences in some of the districts, Scenario 8 decreases the population differences in all but one area. He added in answer to the argument that Scenario 8 was last minute and not recommended by the committee, Moss recalled that Sorenson was on the Board ten years ago and the present boundaries were also at the last minute and not recommended by the Redistricting Committee. He supported Scenario 8.

David Seidel, Cottage Grove, said he deals more in human nature than everything being analyzed in numbers. He stated that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. He asked if they are correcting the gerrymandering or if it is reversed or a different kind of gerrymandering. He said Scenario 8 goes beyond making rational sense. He said that all of the Board are his commissioners. He said it doesn't matter what community he lives in. He preferred being able to vote for all five commissioners. He said they all suffer the problems of having certain values. He said they have to try to look at the situation for what it is and what it does to the community. He didn't see what the difference was for communities of interest because the Board is representing all of the people.

Bob Siegmund, Eugene, said that he had spent a great deal of time reviewing all three options and he said Scenario 3 is better than Scenario 1, but Scenario 8 is the best option possible. He said the Secretary of State stated they needed to recognize geographic boundaries and I-5 is a major dividing point between Eugene and Springfield while Glenwood has been under control of Springfield for the last five years. He said his choice is Scenario 8 because it has the potential to better serve all residents of Lane County, both urban and rural. He added Scenario 8 would more fully recognize the Eugene School District and Bethel School District boundaries in North Eugene. He added that an important criteria is that all five districts must be of equal population. He said that Scenario 8 has the lowest deviation. He added that no district shall be drawn for favoring any political party or other persons. He said the commissioners' races are nonpartisan. He indicated that Democrats will still continue to have an edge in both the South Eugene and North Eugene districts. He said keeping communities of interest is another criteria to be considered, since the city of Eugene is the only city in the County that has to be divided by two commission districts. He stated that it is important to keep neighborhoods together as much as possible. He said Scenario 8 would be the least divisive. He believed that if Scenario 8 is adopted, all Lane County residents will have an opportunity to have their views and interests represented by their

commissioners to the fullest extent possible. He asked the Board to support Scenario 8 as the best choice for all County residents.

Susan Tavakolian, Eugene, Co-President of the League of Women Voters, said they emphasized strong support for Scenario 1, the status quo option. She indicated it is the one favored by those who have testified, it meets all the legal criteria and will cause the least disruption for citizens and government. She added it is also immune to the charges of gerrymandering. She said other scenarios were radical changes dropped on the table at the last minute with little opportunity for scrutiny and comment by the people most affected, Lane County voters. She commented that the last thing Lane County needs is an electorate that does not trust its leaders. She stated that tough times may require tough solutions and they should be looking at ways to cooperate and work together. She stated a good first step is to adopt Scenario 1, the cleanest most popular option on the table and is the best choice for Lane County.

Michael Mann, Eugene, said he is Handy's district and he sees the split up of his district across the I-5 corridor as a natural boundary. He said he is not part of the community on Harlow Road, he is part of an urban environment and he preferred that it stayed that way. He supported Scenario 1.

Tom Bowerman, Eugene, commented that this process has gone sideways. He said they get documents presented that are hard to read and incomplete. He thought what was most important were communities of interest. He said for him it is important to have rural representation. He said neighborhood unity is important for him and some of the proposals divide his community down the center. He added one of them puts them from 4J into the Springfield community of interest in terms of representation. He said the testimony today reveals that the issue has become a political partisan issue. He said that is not listed on the County Charter as part of the guiding principles. His recommendation is to stick with the way it is. He asked why they would want to fix something that is not broken. He asked to stick with Option 1.

Celia Levine, Santa Clara, supported leaving the districts the way they are for now. She indicated with a one percent population growth, things are working well in the North Eugene neighborhoods. She said the way things are they are immune to gerrymandering. She supports Scenario 1, with Scenario 3 her second choice. She said she was a firm no on Scenario 8.

Claire Syrett, Eugene, objected to Scenario 8 and asked the Board to reject Scenario 8. She believed if it is adopted, Scenario 8 would deny her and her neighbors proper representation at the County level. She said according to law the criteria the Board must use to establish district boundaries includes among others equal population, geographic boundaries, communities of interest and transportation links. She said the proposal to move her neighborhood into the South Eugene District doesn't appear to meet any of the criteria required to make such a change



and would move them from a district that does currently meet all of the criteria. She said they share the railroad lines the river and other features with other parts of their current district. She added their population has not changed enough to warrant moving them into a different district. She said since there are no compelling reasons to move Whitaker that meet the stated criteria, such a move by the Board would be seen as purely political, as an attempt to dilute the progressive voting block that Whitaker represents by placing them in an already progressive district and removing them from a more politically diverse district they are in now. She stated it would be a serious breach of trust and would result in denying her neighborhood proper democratic representation at the County level. She urged the Board to keep the district as it currently exists.

Michael Carrigan, Eugene, said he was also speaking on behalf of Community Alliance of Lane County. He said last time he came to the Board he spoke in favor of Scenario 1 and 3 but he said he is against Scenario 8. He said that over the weekend he went out and spoke with his neighbors about the redistricting proposals and they weren't happy to learn that Whitaker might become part of South Eugene. He urged the Board to go with the status quo but if there is a compromise, that Scenario 3 seems to be a win-win.

Jim Torrey, Eugene, didn't believe it was in the best interests of the citizens of Lane County not to make changes. He said there needs to be common recognizable boundaries and common areas of interest so the citizens know who their County Commissioner is. He commented that he didn't think there were two percent of the people in Lane County who know the number of the district they are in or who their commissioner is. He urged the Board to do the right thing and vote on Scenario 8.

Joanne Gross, Eugene, said she represented the Active Bethel Citizens Association. She noted under Scenario 8, part of Bethel would be carved off into the West Lane District. She said that currently their neighborhood has a hard time and are underrepresented in local politics. She said they are frustrated and feel like there is a "put it out in Bethel" attitude. She commented that carving off part of their neighborhood divides them and exacerbates the problem of being under represented. She stated that Scenario 3 was a good compromise. She stated they are opposed to Scenario 8.

Kate Kelly, Eugene, said she is speaking as a private citizen, not as a River Road Community board member. She asked the Board not to fix what is not broken. She said the commissioner districts as they stand have worked well so far. She said it is a waste of taxpayer dollars. She added that they are spending resources on this issue when it is not that vitally important. She stated that if Scenario 8 is chosen, there is likely to be legal action taken. She said they don't need that as there is already enough mistrust of government. She hoped the Board could work together for something that meets the greatest good. She supported Scenario 1, but if there is another choice, she would support Scenario 3. She added that Scenario 3 inadvertently left out Mark Clark's home out of the North Eugene District. She

asked if in that could be remedied so he can challenge Handy. She stated that Scenario 8 was added after the last public meeting without any input from the people who take time out of their busy lives to attend a meeting in the middle of the day. She indicated that Scenario 8 would take progressive voters out of Handy's district to be put in the South Eugene District.

Kevin Cronin, Springfield, said he opposed Scenario 8. He said it moves a portion of the chair's district into South Eugene and makes the center of the population for the East Lane District in South Eugene. He said moving the bulk of the chair's district would create a fourth metro district and it is against the County Charter. He recommended voting down Scenario 8. He wanted to leave the districts the way they are with Scenario 1. He said they could also go with Scenario 3. He didn't think they should exclude someone who had filed a perspective petition from the right to challenge a sitting commissioner.

Andrew Becker, Eugene, commented that part of keeping Lane County a great place to live includes being able to be rest assured that local government is construed so as to accurately reflect the general public. He said people have to have faith that their representatives are keeping the good of the public at large in mind. He said the trust is possibly at risk. He stated they don't have to redistrict. He added the reason they are redistricting is written into laws to account for uneven population changes that hasn't happened in Lane County. He said if it isn't broken, don't fix it. He indicated that Scenario 8 subverts an objective accounting of the County's general voting trends. He asked the Board to do the right thing and vote for a scenario that maintains the will of the public and doesn't create a scenario that would betray the general voting trends.

David Force, Eugene, commented that the supposed gerrymandered unfair districts they have had for the past ten years got all five commissioners elected. He asked why anyone thought it was a bad idea. He said the strong majority of voters in all of Lane County are Democrats and the way the Board is elected nonpartisan doesn't mean the voters are. He said if the districts are redone so the majority party in the County gets to have one fifth of the commissioners (because the districts have been drawn in such a way to concentrate most of those democrats in a single district) then the future of any countywide measure of any kind for the next ten years will be doomed. He didn't see any reason to change the districts. He said if they are going to do it, Scenario 3 makes sense. He added the only objection is that Mike Clark lives there. He said that Clark could move and Mr. Farr does live in the district.

Jeff Lozar, Eugene, supported Scenario 8. He said ten years ago the last time maps were redrawn a similar but much less transparent process was occurring. He commented that there are a lot of people in the crowd unhappy with Scenario 8. He asked these people where they were ten years ago. He stated what happened then was far less transparent than what is happening today. He said that everyone has a bias; they all see things from their own perspective. He said to claim any amount of

unfairness in this process is to complain about the 2010 election results. He didn't recall so much rancor when the Board went the other way last time. He commented that common sense has begun to return to Lane County. He asked the Board to support Scenario 8.

George Grier, Springfield, didn't think Scenario 3 or 8 is a compromise. He said it is not functional for the Board to sit and aggravate one another. He said the Board's problems are severe. He said if they change the scenarios and don't leave it the way it is, someone will be aggravated and they won't be able to work together. He commented that none of the solutions help them solve the County's problems. He said it will only come about when the Board gets their act together and acts cooperatively. He stated that none of their problems will be solved politically. He said a 3-2 vote will not make any difference because the commissioners will have to go to the citizens of Lane County and ask them to buy into their solutions. He said it will require levies and require consensus. He said unless the Board can all agree on something, the citizens will never support it. He said if the Board votes for Scenario 3 or 8, everyone in the County loses. He asked the Board to leave it alone, because there is no reason to mess around with it.

Carleen Reilly, Eugene, said she is a River Road resident. She stated the people in her neighborhood are confused about all things political. She said they don't know why redistricting occurs. She said in general people are not interested in politics. She said that getting people to participate in their own government activities is a frustrating activity. She urged the Board to choose Scenario 1 to maintain as many engaged voters as possible. She asked to keep things as they are so they don't have to engage in re-education in the County. She thought Leiken's suggestions to add Glenwood to Springfield and Harlow area to Eugene make common sense. She commented that Scenario 8 is a stretch too far and neighbors will see it as too complicated and disengage from the political process. She asked to keep Scenario 1 or adopt a revised Scenario 3.

Patrick Munyon, Eugene, stated they were wasting the public's time and money today. He said they had already had a public hearing on seven proposals including two additional from Bozievich. Munyon said after the public testimony, Bozievich presented Scenario 8 that is an obvious attempt of gerrymandering. He said Scenario 8 is a complete political manipulation of the process and is an insult to the voters of Lane County. He commented that without significant population change there is no reason to change any voter boundaries in Lane County. He thought Scenario 3 could be an alternative if the Board could agree on Scenario 3. He said if all commissioners agree to change for the good of the County, it would be signified by a unanimous vote. He added that anything else is just politics. He asked the Board to listen to the League of Women Voters and leave it alone.

Karen Beasley, Eugene, said she prefers Scenario 1, accepts Scenario 3 and opposes Scenario 8 because it divides her community of Bethel Danebo unnecessarily. She stated that redistricting is not a mandate, it is a choice. She added that redistricting

is costly and unnecessary. She asked the Board to pass Scenario 1 or the compromise Scenario 3. She stated she couldn't stomach having Scenario 8 passed as it is divisive and unnecessary.

Ron Davis, Cottage Grove, said he agreed that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. He didn't know why they are going through this if it is not necessary. He recalled when he first moved to Eugene, there were three commissioners. He stated that around the state many counties only have three commissioners. He commented that Scenario 8 gerrymanders around and they have rural mixed with urban and back to where they were 30 years ago. He thought that the entire Board represents them and they should reject Scenario 8. He commented not only do they have an ecological problem, but they have an economic problem. He thought they should downsize and have the Board of Commissioners go down to three.

Joseph Newton, Eugene, said he resented having to come to the Board today. He said they have good boundaries currently with little changes needed. He commented that Scenario 8 is gerrymandering. He asked the Board to either leave it alone or adopt Scenario 3.

Gary Vander Meer, Springfield, said ten years ago they had political intrusion and they had gerrymandering on the part of liberal commissioners to set aside certain areas to ensure the Springfield commissioner would retain his seat on the Board. He said the Harlow Road neighborhood has no place in Springfield. He said the community of Glenwood does. He said they have populations living in Marcola and out toward Walterville, where the city is growing. He said it is logical for Springfield to include those areas of common interest in Springfield. He said currently the Springfield district has been cut up and not contiguous. He indicated they need to bring those things on line and the Scenario 8 suggestions meets those perimeters of communities of common interest being held together. He noted that two of the largest Hispanic communities in Lane County are in Springfield and in Glenwood. He stated that for Scenario 3 to divide those Hispanics communities are an invitation for federal or state legal action if they try to subdivide them. He asked to take into consideration the need for a homogenous Hispanic Community having representation in Springfield and to the Board. He said in all his years at Lane County, he had never seen this type of vitriol unleashed by one commissioner against another as they have witnessed with Handy's remarks.

Steven Salman, Mohawk Valley, said he was opposed to Scenario 8. He thought the Springfield District would divide the valley from the school district boundaries. He said the only thing he sees that could be changed would be the Harlow Road swap and Glenwood. He thought Springfield should stay within the Springfield metropolitan area and to put Glenwood in and to take the people out of Harlow. He didn't think that population had to be the key. He asked the Board not to make any changes.

Ellie Dumdi, Junction City, said she supported Scenario 8 for many of the same reasons that were stated earlier. She thought Scenario 8 did the best jobs of equalizing the population and keeping political districts compact with the communities of interest. She added that from experience, she knows how difficult it can be to work in fragmented districts and Scenario 8 does away with a lot of that.

Karl Eisenbach, Eugene, asked to keep the record open if the Board is not going to make a decision today. He said they need to do think the Oregon way, respecting the integrity of existing boundaries and the process and saving the County money. He said they need to leave the districts as they are. He said Scenario 1 was the best choice and his opinion is that Scenario 8 smacks of Chicago style politics.

Fran Boehner, Cottage Grove, said assuming the communities of interest is a valid concept, she asked why part of the city of Eugene will be in Stewart's district. She said there is no commonality of interest with the part of the city of Eugene and the rural area of Cottage Grove. She was against putting part of the city of Eugene into Stewart's district. She said there was not a commonality of interest.

Sandra Bishop, Eugene, said it is disappointing that the redistricting discussion seems to have been hijacked by some commissioners to push political agendas. She said they need to look at how the elected officials can respect the people who elected them. She stated it makes no sense to split up the neighborhoods in the west side and adjoin them to South Eugene. She said there is no commonality there. She commented that it would show a gross level of disregard and disrespect for the Bethel and Whitaker and Westside Neighborhoods to be split up in this political game. She said do not sacrifice the Bethel Neighborhood on the altar of Springfield or Glenwood. She thinks they could make adjustments to Springfield but make the small adjustments. She said the Board is not under any legal obligation to change the boundaries. She stated she opposed Scenario 8 and said she didn't have enough information to know whether Scenario 3 would work. She said leaving it alone would be a better option than Scenario 8.

Doug Sabin, Eugene, said he has spent a lot of time studying the plans and he has concerns about the redistricting plans based on the overall goals list from the Lane County website. He said the criteria were as follows: equal population, geographical boundaries, existing district boundaries, incumbents, contiguity, political boundaries, communities of common interest, transportation links, language and ethnic minorities, no favoritism and additional consideration of city boundaries and urban growth boundaries. He said he hears discussion about a few but not all of the goals. He said the proposal for Scenario 8 changes the Republican and Democratic percentages in the districts and adds to the Republican total in four of the five districts. He said these are supposed to be nonpartisan offices. He said he had no problem with Scenario 3 as a compromise but he believed if they only use part of the stated criteria, they will be giving the citizens of Lane County the appearance of a flawed process. He wished they could work together as a community and for the commissioners to come to a reasonable solution.

Bob Sowden, Cottage Grove, said he looked at Scenario 8 as being the best redistricting plan. He went through the criteria and went through HB3337 that recognizes I-5 as a border between Eugene and Springfield and he said that Scenario 8 meets all the criteria for the Secretary of State and the Lane County Charter. He supported Scenario 8.

Charlie Rojas, Eugene, said that he heard I-5 was a natural division between Eugene and Springfield. He stated that there is nothing natural about a man made freeway and there is nothing man made about voting districts. He asked if at this point in time if this Board deems it necessary that they need to redistrict. He said given the economic situation in this country the last thing the people are going to be looking to is the public purse for a private interest. He asked for that not to be done.

Joe Jacklin, Eugene, said he supported Scenario 1 and was against Scenario 8. He commented that the people of Lane County are not blind and they are not stupid. He said they understand what is happening. He said they are not willing to participate in a game they see so clearly as rigged against them. He said the technical term for what is going on with Option 8 is gerrymandering. He said it could also be called ignoring the voices of the people.

Jennifer Snyder, Cottage Grove, stated that her County representatives are her only local representatives. Said she supports statements against Scenario 8. She said to use this time in their history to redistrict and move people around to the benefit of partisan political fervor and encouragement onto their citizenry rights of corporations is something they have to stand up against. She said to divide Whitaker is mean. She said that is part of the key to the spirit they are fighting today. She said Scenario 8 for the Springfield area is nothing more than a further suburbanization of rural lands of Oregon. She said they have to protect the farms and timberlands.

Sally Le Doux, Cottage Grove, said she is in opposition to Scenario 8. She supported Scenario 3. She said if it isn't broken, not to fix it. She stated basing these changes of population at this time is premature.

Mark Callahan, Eugene, supported Scenario 8. He said he and others thinks Scenario 8 is the most fair scenario and meets all the criteria outlined by the Oregon Secretary of State's office and it prevents gerrymandering. He indicated that if Scenario 8 or 3 passes, Handy will be his new Lane County Commissioner and due to credibility and integrity issues, Callahan still sees Scenario 8 as the most fair in the bigger picture for all involved.

Diane Therlow, Eugene, said she supports Scenario 8. She stated that she was shocked and disappointed on how this meeting began. She was disappointed in the way Handy made his presentation. She didn't know if he should have been allowed

to start the meeting off that way. She stated it was accusatory and unprofessional. She added that it is not good role modeling for the people in the audience to make presentations. She thought the commissioners needed to speak in a way to be good role models for the rest of the people. She indicated that people have said they have spoken on her behalf but they didn't represent her point of view. She thought people should be told that they are to speak on their own behalf or on behalf of named individuals that have given them permission to speak instead of a universal "we" and the people. She commented that it is a progressive tactic and she resented it. She wanted to be given the right to represent herself.

Christine Desermaurx, Eugene, said she has a degree in economics and she has studied the process. She reviewed all of the scenarios that had gone before the task force and the ones in front of the Board. She believed they should stick with Scenario 1 as it is the best option. She said the County doesn't have the money to waste.

Moishe Immerman, Eugene, thought the Board should postpone this decision. He commented that Scenario 1 is the only solution.

Bob Thompson, Eugene, said his arguments had been covered. He quoted an editorial from The Register Guard.

Bill Dwyer, Springfield, said when he was elected in 1999, Harlow Road in that area was in the district and he had to run for the area. He added that a good part is Republican. He said the people in Harlow were never not represented when he was their commissioner or senator or state rep. He indicated that he served on the Redistricting Task Force and a co-chair of the committee that made the first five districts of Lane County. He said they tried to give rural representation its own identity and still be able to meet the criteria with equal population. He said the problems in the rural districts are different than the urban districts. He said he saved the people of Harlow road tens of thousands of dollars when he built the sound wall. He said not one person in his whole career had ever said they wished they were represented by a commissioner from Eugene. He said they wanted to do the least possible because they didn't have any money. He said then politics raised its ugly head. He said the ruralization of cities and urbanization of the rural areas doesn't make sense. He said they have to pass ballot measures and have to have cohesiveness. He said they can't continue to impugn each other's integrity. He thought they should do as little harm as possible, either do no change or adopt Scenario 3. He said the committee forwarded Scenario 6 and it was rejected. He stated that Scenario 8 is not in the interest of the citizens from Springfield.

Russ Peas, Junction City, believed Scenario 8 answered a lot of problems that currently exists. He said trust will come to the politicians when they no longer have representatives who have baggage from a lawsuit where they were found guilty of violating procedures and the people paid the taxes for their problems. He stated that Handy's attack speech was not an attempt to bring the group together. He said

there needs to be consensus reached and they should defer to come to an agreement. He wanted to see a strong majority and not a 3-2 vote.

Roxanne Whatley, Eugene, said she hoped people have the integrity to not sit and call other people names.

Rafael Aldeva, said redistricting is a touchy subject and is political. He said the idea of having the task force was to have an independent group and that is what the Board's credibility depends on. He said now they have to go out and try to sell a spoiled product to a skeptical audience. He commented that if the vote is 3-2 for Scenario 8 they will face political problems down the road. He stated that Scenario 8 is radioactive. He said it didn't come up through the process that was originally set up. He commented that it was wrong ten years ago and it is wrong now. He indicated if the Board votes 3-2 on Scenario 8, there might be litigation and people in the community will be upset and if the Board tries to send anything out for a vote, it will be voted down. He asked if the Board goes with Scenario 8, what happens to the credibility later on. He asked the Board to come to a unanimous decision on Scenarios 1 or 3.

Justin Cox, Eugene, said he was against Scenario 8. He said he read that Scenario 8 was proposed as a solution to the current circumstance of a small percentage of urban Lane County residents who are represented by commissioners from rural districts. He thought the most glaring inadequacy of Scenario 8 would be in Stewart's new district. He indicated that Stewart would represent Churchill High School in West Eugene and the western slope of South Sister. He said there is no reason why those areas should be represented by the same commissioner. He said Scenario 8 shifts the problems to other areas.

Tony McCown, Springfield, said what is important into the future is how the Board works together to do what is best for the community. He indicated there has been a lot of discussion about communities of interest. He said both sides offered decent arguments about what communities of interest could be drawn as. He thought the boldest move the Board could do today would be to work together. He said it is time for this Board to say they want to move forward together. He didn't want to see the rancor and the aggressive nature they have seen today. He stated he hadn't heard any opposition to Scenario 3. He asked the Board to be bold and be the leaders they were elected to be.

Jerry Rimpal, Eugene, believed Scenario 8 didn't really fix very much and causes problems. He said they are seeing it nationally with Occupy Wall Street against the kind of status quo. He said they want democracy in the County. He said Scenario 8 will ring the bell of gerrymandering in the community. He commented that it is a poison they don't want. He urged the Board to support Scenarios 1 or 3 as that is the most balanced approach.



Slane Swenson Harris, Eugene, said the Board is divided. She said they need a community to come together and have a compromise. She supported a unanimous vote on Scenario 3.

There being no one else signed up to speak, Commissioner Stewart closed the Public Hearing.

Stewart indicated that they have a chart with the changes asked of staff from Cheryl Betschart, Elections, to consider under Scenarios 1, 3 and 8.

Judy Williams, County Administration, met with Betschart today as Betschart was not able to be in attendance today. She said that Betschart and Bill Clingman, LCOG, worked together to create the suggested minor changes to some of the scenarios. She noted the changes are minor, moving 20 to 100 people.

Vorhes said this was the task the Board directed Betschart to engage in as part of the motion and First Reading on the three ordinances posted on the website. He added the maps on the website are the maps that reflect these changes. He indicated they were all described and sent to the Board in an e-mail. He added these were reflected in the ordinance that Stewart read today.

Sorenson asked if they made changes to Scenario 3 today if they would have to move them to a Third Reading.

Vorhes said if the Board made a substantial change, the cleanest process to follow would be to make it clear in what they adopt as their motion to move the Second Reading and set a Third Reading. He said that would give a period of time and there wouldn't be a debate on whether the change is substantial or not, they would have covered the requirement in the charter. He added if the Board makes a substantial change they would need to have 13 days between the readings.

Stewart indicated there has been the threat of litigation. He noted that nothing is bulletproof and whatever direction could be challenged. He noted that they received a letter from Kate Brown, Secretary of State, stating they are not in the process because they have to do it, it is whether they want to do it.

Vorhes explained that what the Charter says is that they are to review the population densities and change as necessary and it is a determination for the Board to make. He indicated the Board has the discretion to make a change or not. He said the Charter states the districts are "generally compromised of." He said each commissioner has the ability to make a determination on what they think that means.

Leiken indicated there were concerns between rural and urban representation. He thought there was confusion about whether they are redistricting or doing land use

as far as SB100 is concerned. He asked if the city of Springfield could not arbitrarily expand its UGB to the Mohawk Valley because they want to.

Vorhes said that is correct. He said it is an extensive process and there has to be a study given the land use requirements currently in place.

Bozievich asked about Secretary Brown's memo that they don't have to redistrict. He asked if the seven de minimis changes they are making to match the new legislative boundaries considered redistricting.

Vorhes thought they would be and that was why if the Board was interested in making the changes that they should be incorporated into an ordinance so it could be done the way the Charter called for to draw the boundary lines after they studied the population.

Leiken stated that he heard comments that if Lane County goes out for money measures that they may be doomed. He asked when the last time a money measure was passed in Lane County.

Richardson responded that since 1998 Lane County has not been able to get a measure passed. She recalled that Christine Moody pulled documents out of her office and she was back in the 70's and they had not passed any money measures. She stated they got Serbu built, but not for operational funds.

Stewart stated that he had tried hard to separate himself from the politics of the decision. He said it is difficult to do because everyone wants to bring it back to the politics. He said as he looks at the criteria from the Secretary of State, when he makes a decision for the citizens and the Board, he looks at the criteria and what the decision is supposed to be based on and the options. He said the criteria was to be contiguous, utilize existing geographical or political boundaries, not to divide communities of common interest, be connected and be connected by transportation links and for the districts to be of equal population. He commented that if he could make the decision he would like to make today, he would remove all of the urban citizens out of his district and he would represent 60,000 people and he could vote yes and then East Lane County would be truly a rural district. He stated that is not an option. He looked at the criteria objectively with the different scenarios and he tried to place which scenario appears to meet the criteria and the existing boundaries. He believed that everyone was trying to do the best job they can. He said he sees the boundaries that currently exist and he said ten years later they are different. He said that he has had his job for six years and he hears on a regular basis when people call for assistance and find out they are in a certain district, they asked why he is their commissioner. He hears it from people in the Chad Drive area, from people in Lorane, Crow, Vaughn and people inside the city limits of Springfield. He said he has a different perspective than people who have come to give testimony. He said in reviewing the minutes of the meetings that were held by the Redistricting Committee, there was a lot of conversation about the Springfield

District being in Springfield. He noted that his appointee Bill Van Vactor believed that the Springfield District should be in Springfield and it should contain the Springfield metropolitan area. He said if they honor that request and try to keep the population and draw the boundary on I-5, it means the East Lane County district is going to give up about 9,745 residents are moved from East Lane to the Springfield District to accommodate that request. He said if they do that to honor the citizens in Springfield, then it means the East Lane County District needs to shift and acquire 9,700 people to keep the same balance. He commented that if Scenario 1 is not adequate, then they look to Scenario 3 and 8. He said for Scenario 3, he would have to represent 9,700 people in the Chad Drive area and that has Eugene residents. He commented that there is no difference if he takes it from North Eugene or from the Churchill area. He didn't understand the argument that is placed out there. He said if he were to compare areas and keeping communities of interest whole, that in a commissioner's position, there are communities that have been established in Eugene. He indicated that there are 22 communities recognized as neighborhoods in the city of Eugene and they have their boundaries and elected their officers to represent them. He thought that was a legitimate community of interest. He stated that if he were weighing the two scenarios between Scenario 3 and 8, he would be representing a split community of interest in the North Eugene area, or in Scenario 8 he could be representing one entire community of interest, the Churchill neighborhood.

Stewart commented that being a rural commissioner doesn't mean that every community has the same interests. He said as a commissioner, he has to step up to the plate and represent his constituents and know what their needs are and that is what he has tried to do as a commissioner. He noted under the current boundaries as a rural commissioner he represents six incorporated cities, many unincorporated communities and he has to make up his 9,700 people in the metro area and in Glenwood, the Fairmount neighborhood, in Crest Drive and Crescent and around 42 Street. He stated that he has about eight or nine communities of interest and he needs to represent them and he needs to know what their issues are. He stated the he could personally be a better commissioner, more informed and have more time to represent citizens if they were all in one area. He stated that was important to him. He commented that he knows this is a divisive process and he said it is unfortunate that it has gotten this way. He said he heard loud and clear from the citizens of Whitaker that they are being moved and displaced, but if they go by recognized neighborhoods, the entire community is not being chopped up or moved anywhere. They are still a whole community. He didn't know why it is being represented that Whitaker is being displaced or moved somewhere else.

Bozievich said one of his goals was to try to unify some of the areas they represent. He said he currently represents over 25,000 people in the Eugene metropolitan area. He added those 25,000 people are split by the entire city. He noted that he represents thousands in the Churchill neighborhood and he represents a majority in the North Eugene neighborhood. He said his objective was to try to get it to be a

more unified common community of interest in the northwest corner of Eugene. He said doing that will help him provide better representation to those citizens. He noted someone said Scenario 8 will make four out of the five districts more Republican. He noted that East Lane County gets more Democrats in Scenario 8. He added when they move district lines around people don't evenly distribute by partisan population in Lane County. He noted that none of the districts has a Republican majority, as it is impossible to do in Lane County. He indicated that his district has a five point Democratic advantage. He stated there is no change in his personal interest and it is not being done as a tie to the Tea Party like he had been accused. He stated his attempt was to fix Springfield and the rural districts so they can provide better representation and try to follow the Secretary of State's criteria as closely as possible. He noted that Scenario 8 keeps 18 of the 22 neighborhoods together and the other scenarios only maintain 12 in Eugene. He stated that it was an honest attempt at trying to do the best job of addressing the criteria in front of them. He wanted to provide the citizens the best representation as possible.

Bozievich stated that Scenario 8 is legally defensible and the people that talked about wasting money (because it might get challenged) would have difficulty in making a successful challenge and would ultimately be the ones wasting the County's money. He indicated that it doesn't dilute the voting strength of any language or ethnic or minority group in any way. He said he brought this forward as it was an amendment from a previous scenario that was brought forth at the request of Bill Van Vactor and Dan Egan, similar to the last Scenario D was brought forth by Commissioner Dwyer. He said Scenario D is now Scenario 1, passed by the Board last time. He hoped they could move forward to look at the criteria and think about what is best for the citizens of Lane County in getting good representation for the rural commissioners. He commented that the least amount of communities of common interest he has to represent from inside the metropolitan area, the better job he could do.

Leiken said the Lane County Board of Commissioners has been controversial for the past 12 years and there has been nothing new. He noted that last week he received a call from a constituent in Camp Creek who had no idea his commissioner was Stewart. He had a permit issue and called Leiken. He added the only reason he called Leiken was he knew who he was as the Mayor of Springfield and knew he was a County Commissioner. He said redistricting is representing a certain area of the district, but he heard it from several people today that they represent Lane County. He didn't care where citizens live, he will answer calls from all constituents. He said as County Commissioners they need to understand rural planning and well as the urban side. He commented that most people don't even know what a County Commissioner does. He noted there hasn't been much of a growth shift and population, but there has been a shift on how things are done with Glenwood and Jasper Natron and some of the other areas. He thought the citizens were making too big of an issue of this. He stated that Lane County is a predominantly Democratic county and those

are the facts. He said the Board is trying to represent the citizens as best they can. He indicated that they are going to try to work on getting more deputies and making sure the County is in a financial stable condition and to work with their partners to make sure they get more jobs coming into the area. He stated the five commissioners represent all of Lane County.

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 9-11.

Bozievich MOVED, Leiken SECONDED.

Sorenson recalled the 2001 redistricting process was challenging. He said the Board voted 3-2 for the current boundaries and the votes in favor of the measure were he, Dwyer and Weeldreyer. He noted the votes against were Green and Morrison. He said there was a rural commissioner voting no and a rural commissioner voting yes. He said Scenario 1 adopted by the Board ten years ago was not a partisan decision. He added the Board currently has three Republican members and if what was done in 2001 was a partisan gerrymandering by the two Democrats and one Republican (who voted for it) it didn't result in an effective partisan gerrymandering because today he is in the minority as one of the two Democrats on the Board. He said all five districts under all three scenarios are majority democratic districts. He said what was pointed out (even though they could be nonpartisan) all are affiliated with one of two political parties. He said the tone for him to hear that it isn't being done out of any partisan orientation isn't motivating him to think that it is an accurate statement.

Sorenson commented that there are implications of Scenario 8. He said the proposal as it affects the South Eugene District brings the boundary into the west side of his district and it takes away a lot of his people in the Churchill area. He said he only needs to gain 152 people to be exactly perfect. He added that they are well within the three percent margin as it is now. He said it takes the southwest Eugene people in the Hawkins Heights and Churchill area and moves them out of South Eugene into East Lane. He said that it moves thousands of people who for 30 years have been in the South Eugene District and moves them into the rural East Lane District. He stated that he is leaving to the lawyers whether that violates the County Charter. He asked if it was fair to move thousands of people who were in the South Eugene District into the rural East Lane District. He said they are more South Eugene than any other districts. He added that it moves the Whitaker District that for the past 30 years had been in the North Eugene District and moves them into South Eugene District. He asked why they are making the huge changes. He thought they were making the changes because it is a political gerrymander and that is why it is wrong. He stated that he didn't want his district changed. He hoped the Board votes no on Scenario 8 as it is contrary to public interest.

Handy stated that Scenario 8 unnecessarily urbanizes the East Lane District by increasing thousands of voters and adding hundreds of rural acres in the Mohawk Valley around Marcola to the Springfield Metro District. He said that Scenario 8

would move the Whitaker community of common interest into South Eugene where they do not want to be. He said the only official neighborhood group that has taken a stance is the Whitaker Council and they say no on Scenario 8. He added the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce has come out against Scenario 8 as it unnecessarily urbanizes the East Lane District. He indicated the Bethel Danebo area is against Scenario 8 as it divides them into two commission districts unnecessarily. He stated the League of Women Voters advised them to be suspicious of big changes and to make as few changes as possible because the public's trust is at risk. He said with Scenario 8, 18 of 24 neighborhoods would be kept whole. He said Scenario 3 would be an improvement with 20 out of 22 districts being kept whole. He heard from public testimony to look into their souls. He heard some of the public ask them to do something proud to tell their children about in the process. He heard the public say be careful of breaching the public trust that the public trust is at risk. He heard the public say to leave things as they are. He heard the public also say to make modest targeted changes. He thought they could tweak Scenario 3 to do it. He heard don't sacrifice Whitaker and Bethel Danebo on the altar of Springfield. He heard the public demand that they reach consensus and to come to a unanimous decision. He heard the public say Scenario 8 is a spoiled product. He was okay to leave things as is, but he said they won't have a unanimous decision. He was supportive of Scenario 3. He heard that some tweaks need to be made and he was in support. He sensed that would get them to a unanimous decision. He urged the Board to reject Scenario 8 as a spoiled product. He asked Leiken for some leadership to bring the Team Springfield Spirit to Lane County. He stated that after they reject Scenario 8, to work on making the tweaks to Scenario 3 to get to a 5-0 vote like the citizens have asked them to do.

Bozievich stated the Eugene city neighborhood map defines the boundaries of the neighborhood associations. He said there are several neighborhoods that are split beyond just two with Scenario 3. He didn't believe the statement that it holds 20 of 22 neighborhoods together is an accurate statement. He said they have to have some portion of the metro area in each of the rural districts. He noted the net total gain of urban population in the rural districts is 1,244 people. He added that is less than one percent in Bozievich and Stewart's combined districts. He didn't think that justified the accusation of urbanizing rural districts. He said consistently, one side of this Board has tried to keep the partisan numbers and partisan discussion out of the discussion. He didn't know what the partisan numbers were because he refused to look at that information and he didn't want it loaded into the software so they wouldn't know where the partisan splits were. He stated that one side keeps trying to making this a partisan decision. He stated that Scenario 8 was developed based on the Secretary of State's criteria to meet the two major objectives: to get the Springfield District east of I-5, and to get Glenwood back in Springfield. He added that was something that Handy testified should have been done in 2001 at that hearing.

Bozievich stated that they need to try to find a way to get a cohesive area to represent of the urban metro areas for the two rural commissioner districts and he

stated that Scenario 8 does that well. He added that it meets the criteria of the Secretary of State and the districts made by Scenario 8 also meet the generalized descriptions carried out in Lane Charter and for that reason he will be supporting the motion.

Stewart indicated that one of his colleagues brought up there was grounds for a lawsuit based on 30 years representation in a certain area. He didn't take that lightly and he is concerned about frivolous costs. He asked for Vorhes' guidance.

Vorhes said there is discretion in the description of the areas that is used in the Charter Language. He indicated the Charter stated it is "generally comprised of." He doesn't see or hear it as a legal challenge as much as a policy challenge.

Sorenson said if they compare the last redistricting where they had people of different political parties or people with different districts working together, they could set an example and that occurred ten years ago in Lane County. He added a more recent example would be the Oregon legislature, working together this legislation session. He didn't see them all working together with Scenario 8. He challenged the Board to have more agreement or minimize disagreement to try to work toward something that gets support from people from different perspectives and he didn't see that with Scenario 8. He urged the Board to vote no on this motion and if the Board agrees with him that Scenario 8 goes too far, that they would work on some kind of compromise.

Leiken stated he is not talking about Democrats or Republicans because he doesn't care and he has never checked people's voter registration during his tenure as mayor. He said they are there to represent all of Lane County. He recalled that earlier today they had a 3-2 vote on a simple resolution on whether they are going to support a water right for a tiny water company. He heard his Mayor and Council President today and they talked about areas of future growth coming to the near future and the area identified was the Mohawk Valley in Springfield. He asked if Springfield could start to move, and he was told they can't. He said you plan for the next 40 or 50 years for what might be out there. He said there is not much going to happen going east on the McKenzie River. He said even if the people in the Whitaker can't get a hold of their commissioner, he is always in the office and he will take calls. He commented that so much hay has been made about redistricting today that the bottom line is they just represent Lane County no matter who decides to vote them in. He is disappointed about hearing voter registration. He said the bottom line is if any commissioner is not there to help a citizen out, then they should be voting them all out.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-2 (Handy, Sorenson dissenting).

13. **COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660**  
(Commissioners' Conference Room)

None.

16. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stewart adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Melissa Zimmer  
Recording Secretary