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The Calhoun County Apportionment Commission held their 2011 Organizational Meeting on March 30, 2011.

The Commission convenes every ten years to re-apportion County Commission Districts within the following guidelines:

- a) All districts shall be single-member districts and as nearly of equal population as is practicable.
- b) All districts shall be contiguous.
- c) All districts shall be as compact and of as nearly square shape as is practicable, depending on the geography of the county area involved.
- d) No township or part thereof shall be combined with any city or part thereof for a single district, unless such combination is needed to meet the population standard.
- e) Townships, villages and cities shall be divided only if necessary to meet the population standard.
- f) Precincts shall be divided only if necessary to meet the population standard.
- g) Residents of state institutions who cannot by law register in the county as electors shall be excluded from any consideration of representation.
- h) Districts shall not be drawn to effect partisan political advantage.

The number of county commissioners is based on county population. Calhoun County's 2010 population consisting of 136,146 requires not more than 21 County Commissioners, nor less than 5.

The Commission is comprised of the Calhoun County Clerk, Calhoun County Prosecutor, Calhoun County Treasurer, the Calhoun County Republican Chair and the Calhoun County Democrat Chair. At their Organizational meeting March 30th, the Commission elected Steve Mobley Chairman, and Anne Norlander, Vice-Chairman.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

- * Friday, April 8, 2011, 12:00 pm
- * Friday, April 15, 2011, 12:00 pm, with Reapportionment Plans to be submitted at the April 15, 2011 meeting.
- * Thursday, April 21, 2011, 12:00 pm, initial discussion and possible adoption of the 2011 Apportionment Plan (possibly Wednesday, April 20, 2011 due to a scheduling conflict).
- * Friday, April 29, 2011, 12:00 pm, if necessary further discussion and Apportionment Plan Adoption

All meetings will be held at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, Michigan, and are open to the public to attend.

Visit: www.co.calhoun.mi.us/election.taf, for future Apportionment information.

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