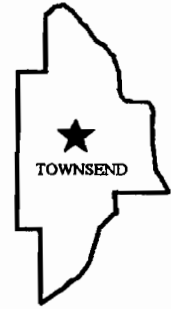


BROADWATER COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

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COMMISSIONERS:
Gail M. Vennes - Chairman
Elaine Graveley—District 2
Laura Obert—District 1

February 16, 2012

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
P.O. Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Subject: Broadwater County Legislative Boundary Re-Districting Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

The Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the Broadwater County citizens, respectfully requests that you consider maintaining Broadwater County as a whole in one legislative district. Currently, the County is split into two legislative districts.

Please review the enclosed six (6) options that we have compiled. Each of the six suggested boundary options keeps Broadwater County in one district which is our main objective and concern.

If none of the options we have prepared are acceptable, we are agreeable to the Legislative Commission's 'Subdivision 100' draft plan.

If you have further questions regarding any of the proposed Broadwater County maps, please contact our County Planner, Nichole Brown at 266-9211. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail M. Vennes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gail M. Vennes
Chairman of the Board

Summary of Proposed Legislative Districts

PREPARED BY: Nichole Brown, Planner and GIS Administrator

PREPARED FOR: Broadwater County Commissioners

The goal of the Broadwater County Commissioners is for Broadwater County to remain whole as one legislative district.

The target population for a State of Montana Legislative District is 9,800 with an allowable 3% margin of error. This translates to a population range of 9,506 – 10,094.

In order for Broadwater County to be considered as one legislative district it will be necessary to include population from outside Broadwater County boundaries to be added to a proposed legislative district.

Therefore, provided are four (4) maps for your consideration.

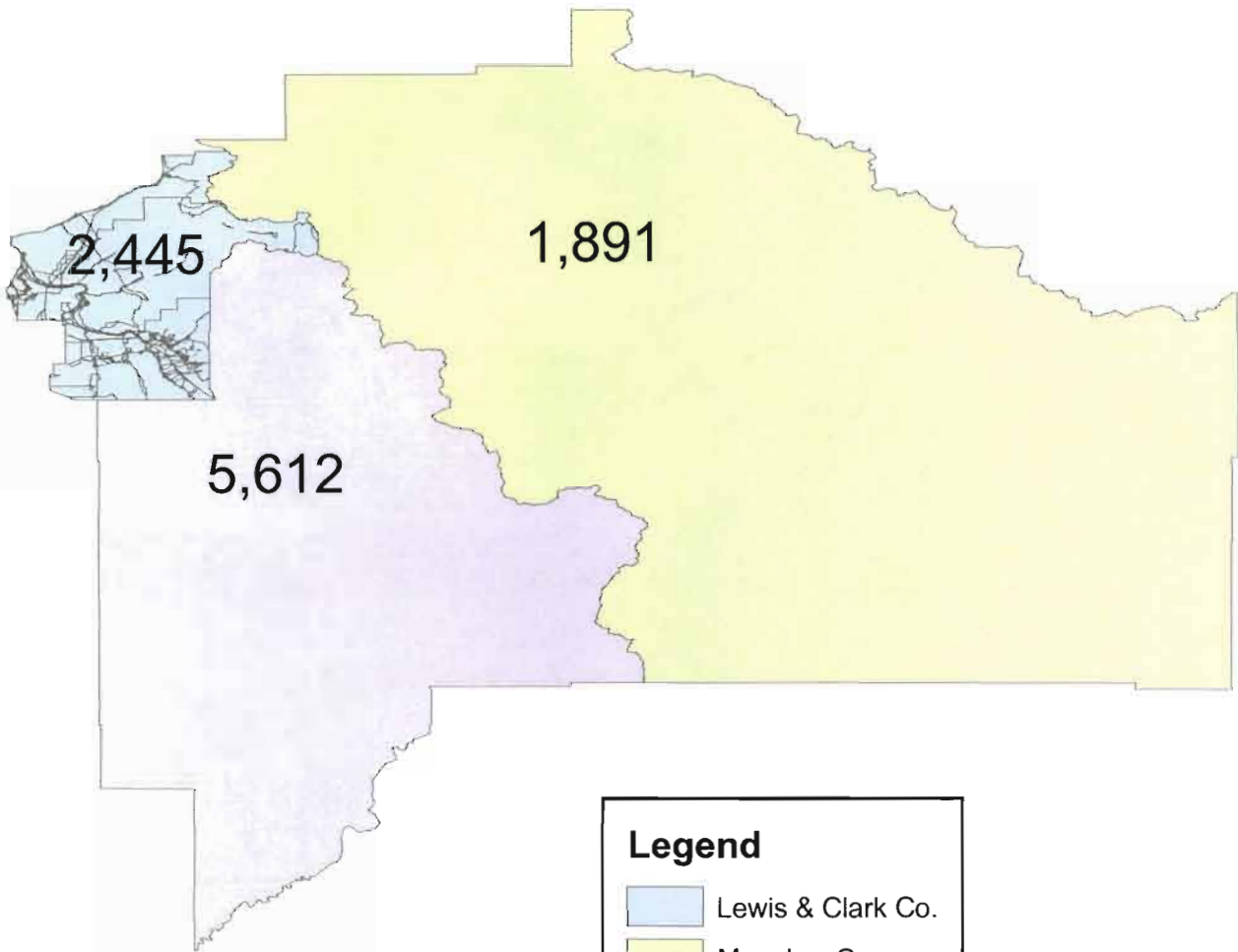
The whole of Meagher County has been added to the whole of Broadwater County in all four (4) map versions. Lewis & Clark County and Gallatin County have been included in some capacity as well in order to supplement the additional population needed.

The portions of Lewis & Clark County and Gallatin County shown were taken from 2010 US Census data utilizing established census blocks. Each map version gives a population high and low number for the appended Counties.

*All data utilized was obtained from Broadwater County layer files, Meagher County layer files, www.ceic.mt.gov and www.svc.mt.gov. Maps were created in ArcMap version 9.2

Legislative Map #1

Population Total: 9,948



Legend

-  Lewis & Clark Co.
-  Meagher Co.
-  Broadwater Co.

Legislative Map #1

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County as well as a portion of Lewis & Clark County. The total population shown on Map #1 is 9,948. The boundaries of the Lewis & Clark County portion were drawn as follows:

Heading Northwest on Highway 287 upon entering Lewis & Clark County, all property to the North for 1.92 miles.

Turning onto Diehl Drive, all property to the East for 2.6 miles.

Turning onto Canyon Ferry Road, all property to the South for .75 miles.

Turning onto Hart Lane, all property to the East for 3.74 miles.

Turning onto York Road, all property to the East for .46 miles.

Turning onto Deal Lane, all property to the North for 2.82 miles.

Turning onto Lake Helena Drive, all property to the East for 7.15 miles.

Following the Missouri River, all property to the North and East of the Missouri River for 1.76 miles.

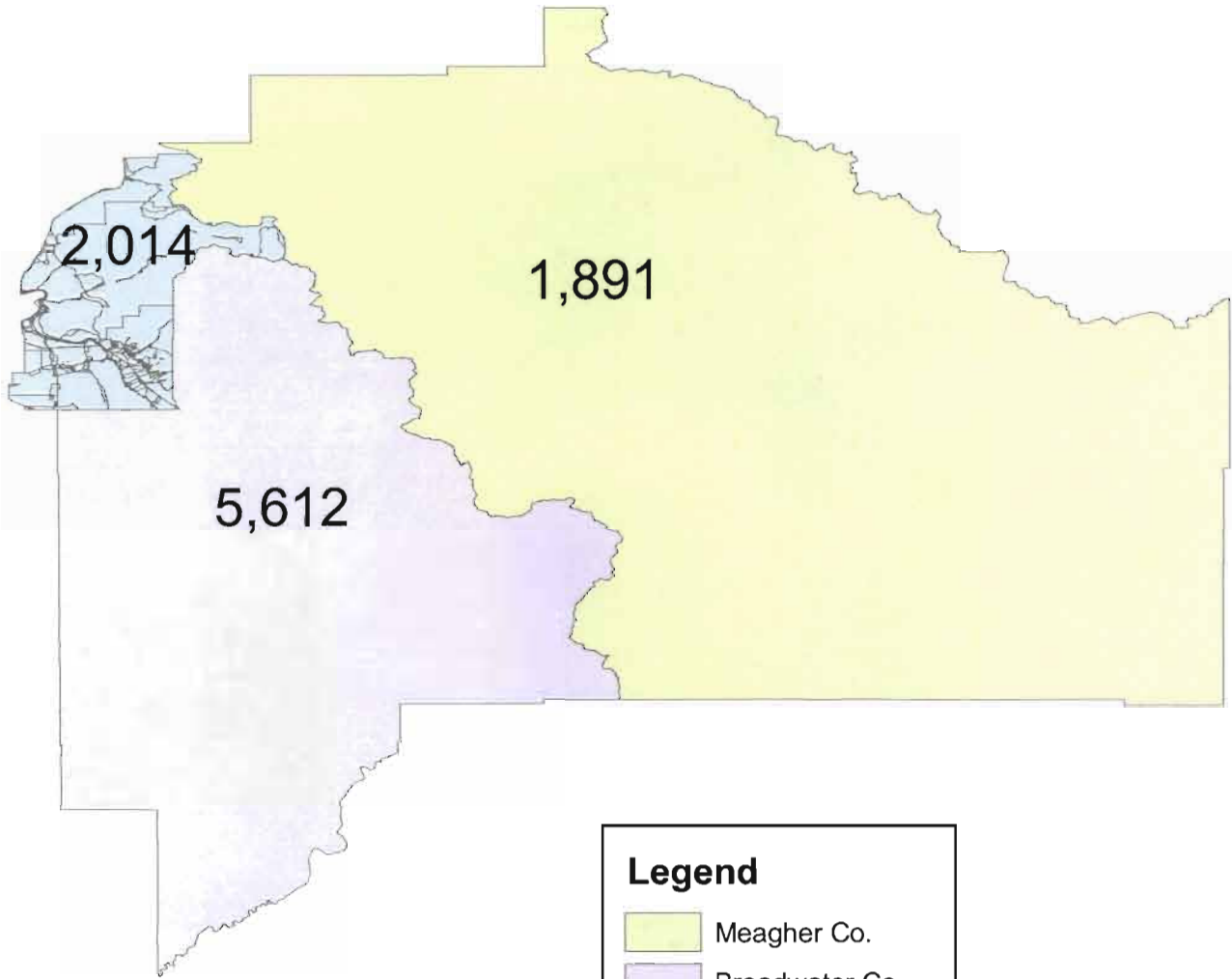
Traveling onto Beaver Creek Road, all property to the South and East for 11.63 miles.

The line then travels North 2.03 miles, with all property to the east of this line being included in the proposal.

Lastly, the line travels East to the Meagher County line for 4.33 miles. All property to the South of this line is to be considered as part of this proposal.

Legislative Map #2

Population Total:9,517



Legend

-  Meagher Co.
-  Broadwater Co.
-  Lewis & Clark Co.

Legislative Map #2

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County as well as a smaller portion of Lewis & Clark County. The total population shown on Map #2 is 9,517. The boundaries of the Lewis & Clark County portion were drawn as follows:

Heading Northwest on Highway 287 upon entering Lewis & Clark County, all property to the North for 1.92 miles.

Turning onto Diehl Drive, all property to the East for 2.6 miles.

Turning onto Canyon Ferry Road, all property to the South for .75 miles.

Turning onto Hart Lane, all property to the East for 3.74 miles.

Turning onto York Road, all property to the East for 4.3 miles.

Then, all property East and North of the Missouri River for 2.14 miles.

The line then travels in a Northeasterly direction for 7.85 miles until its intersection with Beaver Creek Road. All of the property to the southeast of this line is included in the proposal.

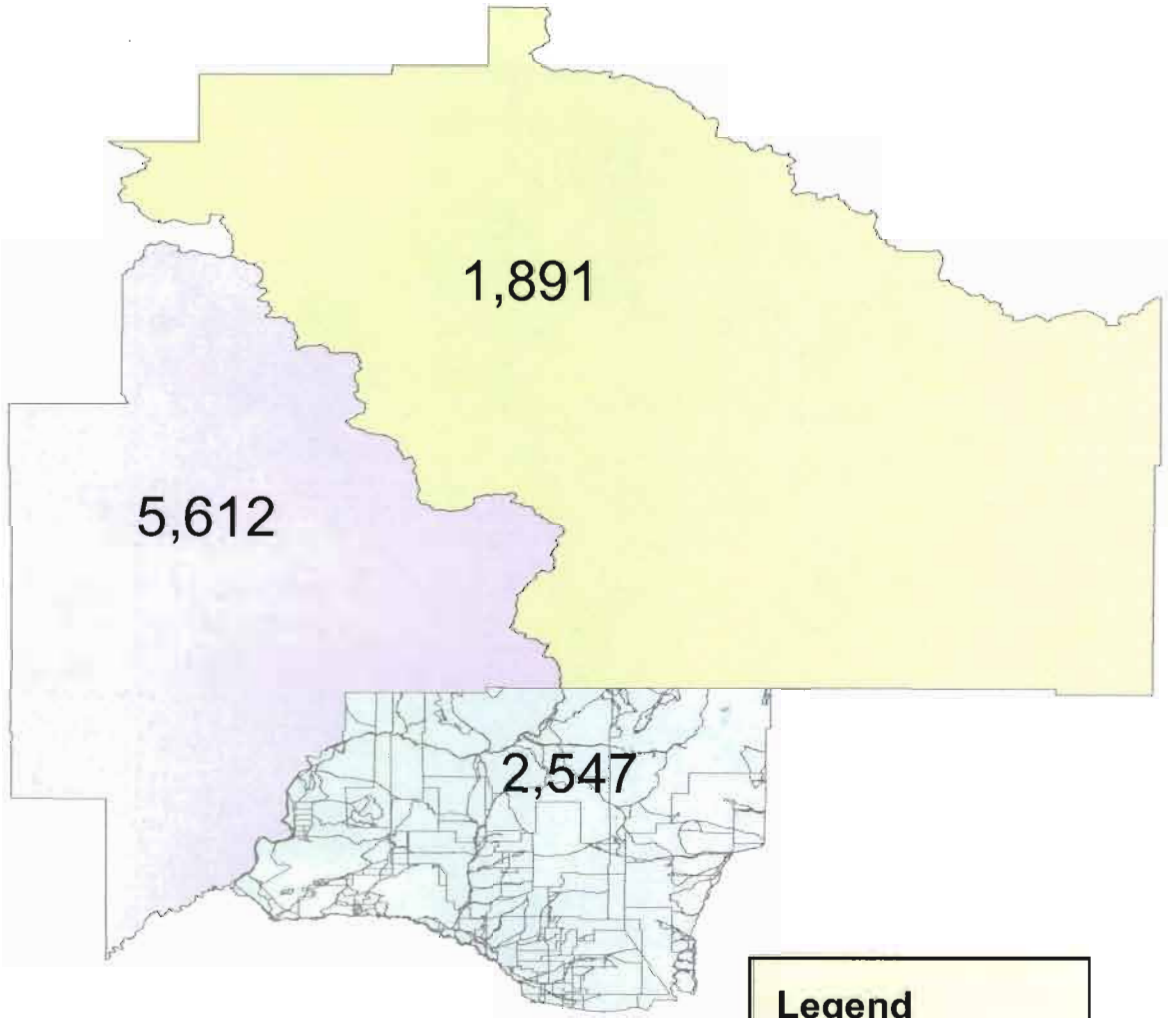
Turning onto Beaver Creek Road, all property to the South and East for 4.34 miles.

The line then travels North 2.03 miles, with all property to the east of this line being included in the proposal.

Lastly, the line travels East to the Meagher County line for 4.33 miles. All property to the South of this line is to be considered as part of this proposal.

Legislative Map #3

Population Total: 10,050



Legend

- Gallatin Co.
- Meagher Co.
- Broadwater Co.

Legislative Map #3

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County, as well as a portion of Gallatin County. The total population shown on Map #3 is 10,050. The boundaries of the Gallatin County portion were drawn as follows:

Beginning at the point where the Gallatin River intersects with Broadwater County in Section 9 Township 2 North, Range 2 East.

Follow the Gallatin River South and East 23.32 miles, all property to the North of the river.

Turning onto Spain Bridge Road, all property to the East for .97 miles.

Travelling South East along the East Gallatin River for .95 miles, all property to the Northeast.

Turning onto where the East Gallatin River intersects with Airport Road, all property to the North for .92 miles.

Following the East Gallatin River again for 1.8 miles, all property to the North.

Travelling East for 12.6 miles until intersecting with Bridger Canyon Road, all property to the North.

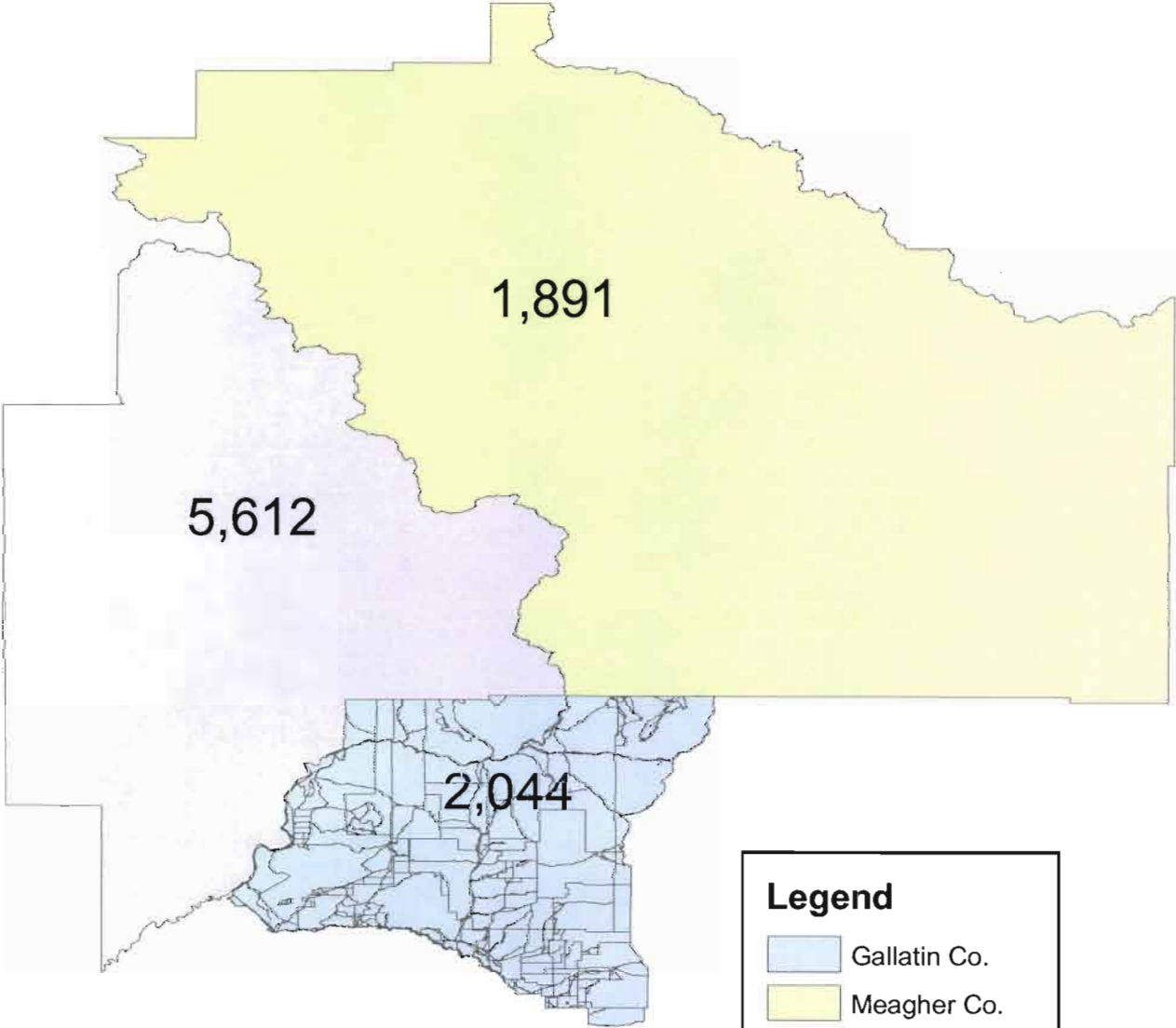
Travelling on Bridger Canyon Road North for 13.95 miles, all property to the West.

Heading Northeast for 2.14 miles, all property to the North and West.

Heading North to the Meagher County line for 17 miles. All property to the West of this line is to be considered part of this proposal.

Legislative Map #4

Population Total: 9,547



Legend

- Gallatin Co.
- Meagher Co.
- Broadwater Co.

Legislative Map #4

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County, as well as a smaller portion of Gallatin County. The total population shown on Map #4 is 9,547. The boundaries of the Gallatin County portion were drawn as follows;

Beginning at the point where the Gallatin River intersects with Broadwater County in Section 9 Township 2 North, Range 2 East.

Follow the Gallatin River South and East 23.32 miles, all property to the North of the river.

Turning onto Spain Bridge Road, all property to the East for .97 miles.

Travelling South East along the East Gallatin River for .95 miles, all property to the Northeast.

Turning onto where the East Gallatin River intersects with Airport Road, all property to the North for .92 miles.

Following the East Gallatin River again for 1.8 miles, all property to the North.

Travelling East for 6.93 miles, all property to the North.

Travelling North for 4.9 miles, all property to the West.

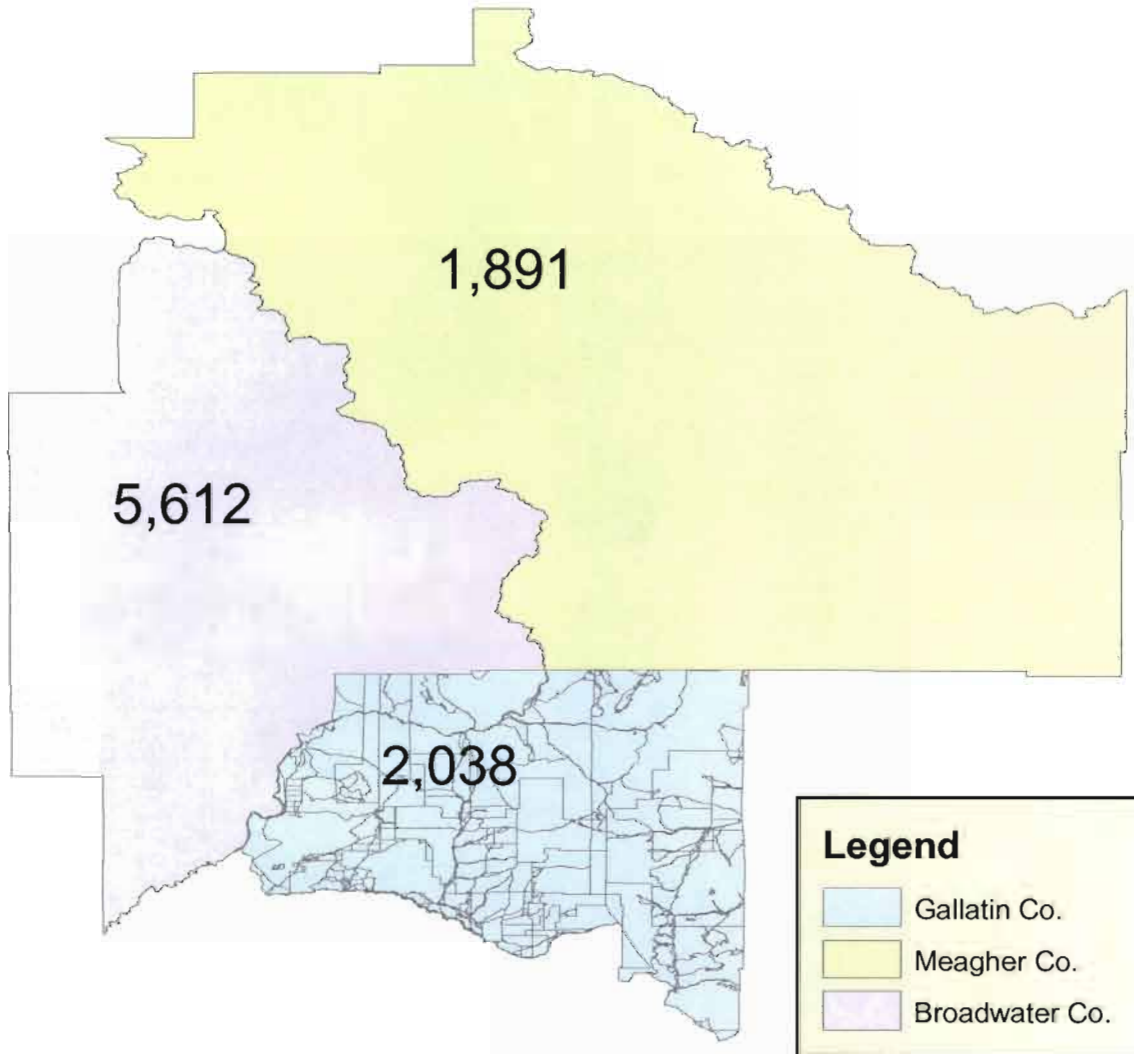
Travelling Northwest for 2.47 miles, all property South and West of this line.

Travelling North for 6.67 miles, all property to the West of this line.

Follow Sixteen-Mile Creek in a Northeasterly direction for 19.44 miles until it intersects with Meagher County. All property North and West of this line is to be considered part of this proposal.

Legislative Map #5

Population Total: 9,541



Legislative Map #5

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County, as well as a smaller portion of Gallatin County all the way East to the Park County line. The total population shown on Map #5 is 9,541. The boundaries of the Gallatin County portion were drawn as follows;

Beginning at the Broadwater County line following Logan Trident Road for 5.84 miles, all property to the North and East.

Then follow the Gallatin River East for 5.52 miles.

Then follow the East Gallatin River Southeast for 12.54 miles.

Follow Hamilton Road East for .47 miles, all property to the North.

Travelling South and East across Sections 20, 29 & 28, T1N, R5E for 2.28 miles and East across the NW ¼ of Section 34, T1N, R5E for .54 miles, all property the North and East.

Travelling Northeast through Sections 35, 26, 25, 24 & 13, T1N, R5E for 3.29 miles, all property to the North and West.

Travelling East across the South ½ of Section 18, T1N, R6E for 1 mile, all property to the North.

Travelling Northeast across Sections 17 & 16, T1N, R6E for 1.91 miles, all property to the North and West.

Travelling East 1 mile across Sections 9 & 10, T1N, R6E for .97 miles, all property to the North.

Travelling Southwest across Sections 10 & 15 T1N, R6E for .53 miles, all property to the North and East.

Travelling South along the West boundary of Sections 15, 22, 27 & 34, T1N, R6E for 3.7 miles, all property to the East.

Travelling along the NW ¼ of Section 2, T1S, R6E for .24 miles, all property to the East.

Travelling South along the West boundary of Section 2, T1S, R6E for 1 mile and along a portion of the West boundary of Section 11, T1S, R6E for .18 miles, all property to the East.

Travelling Southeast across Section 11, T1S, R6E for .91 miles, then Northeast for .94 miles, all property contained in this area.

Travelling East through Section 1, T1S, R6E for 1 mile, all property to the North.

Travelling Southeast through Sections 6, 7 & 8, T1S, R7E for 2.33 miles, all property to the North and East.

Then follow Bridger Creek Southwest across Sections 17 & 20, T1S, R7E for 1.94 miles, all property the North and East.

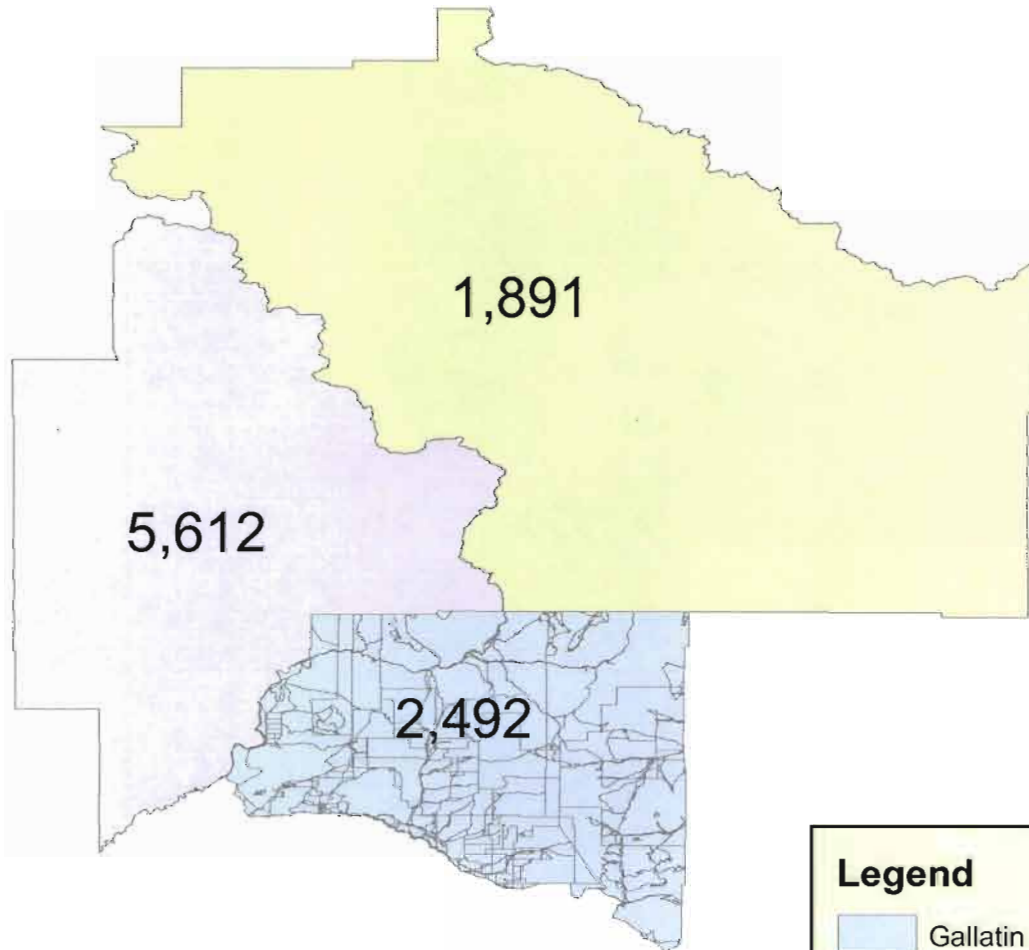
Then follow Jackson Creek Road for 5.6 miles, all property to the North and East.

Travelling Northeast across Sections 2 & 1, T1S, R7E for 1.7 miles, all property to the North and West.




The East boundary is the Gallatin-Park County line all the way North to Meagher County.

Legislative Map #6

Population Total: 9,995



Legend

-  Gallatin Co.
-  Meagher Co.
-  Broadwater Co.

Legislative Map #6

Shows all of Broadwater County and all of Meagher County, as well as a larger portion of Gallatin County all the way East to the Park County line. The total population shown on Map #6 is 9,995. The boundaries of the Gallatin County portion were drawn as follows;

Beginning at the Broadwater County line following Logan Trident Road for 5.84 miles.

Then follow the Gallatin River East for 5.52 miles..

Then follow the East Gallatin River Southeast for 15.15 miles.

Travelling Southeast across Section 34, T1N, R5E and Section 2, T1S, R5E for 2 miles.

Travelling East across Section 1, T1S, R5E and Section 6, T1S, R6E for 2 miles.

Travelling Northeast across Section 5, T1S, R6E for .63 miles.

Following the Northern boundary of Section 4&3, T1S, R6E for 2 miles.

Travelling along the West boundary of Section 2, T1S, R6E for 1 mile and along a portion of the West boundary of Section 11, T1S, R6E for .18 miles, all property to the East.

Travelling Southeast across Section 11, T1S, R6E for .91 miles, then Northeast for .94 miles, all property contained in this area.

Travelling East through Section 1, T1S, R6E for 1 mile.

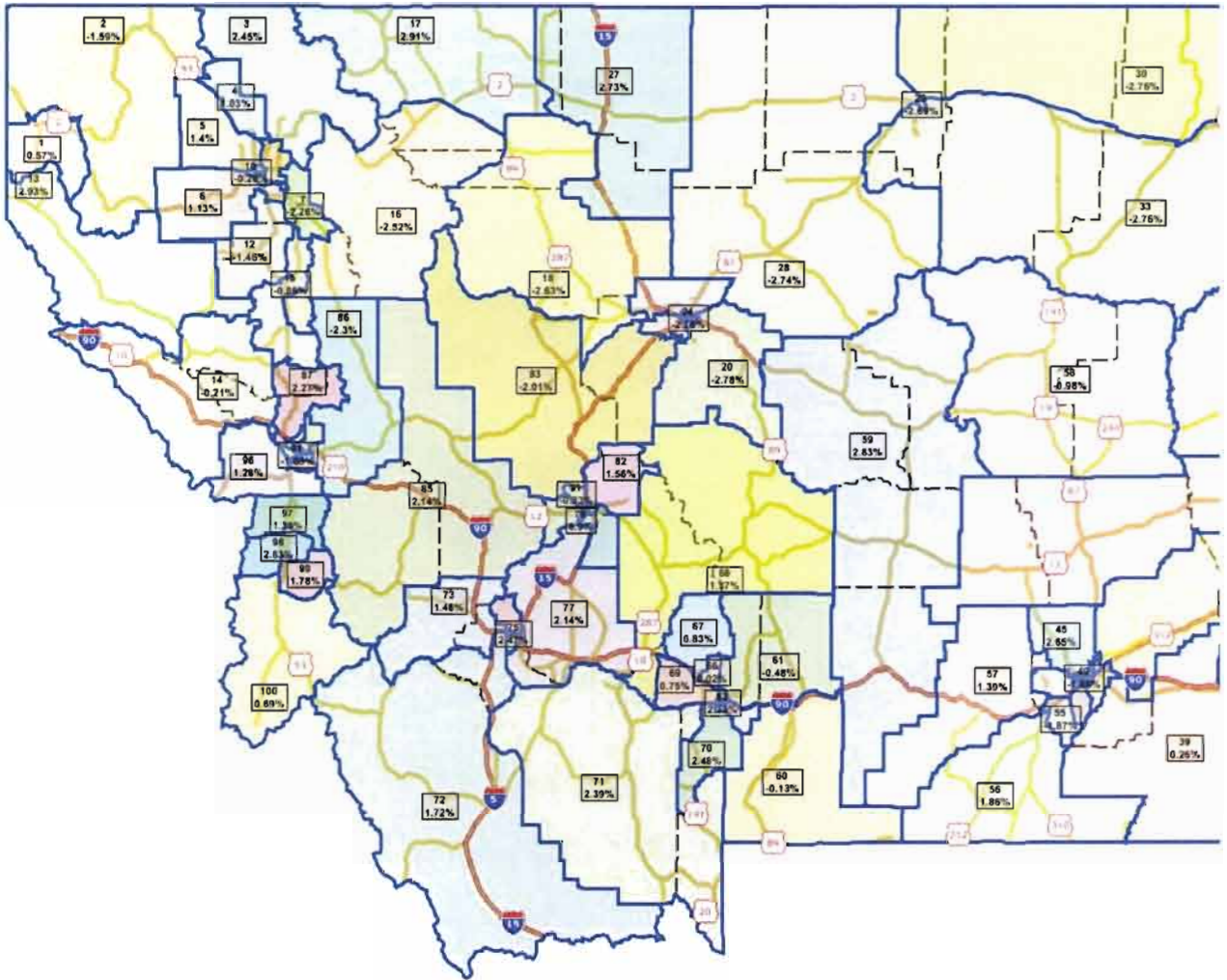
Travelling Southeast through Sections 6, 7 & 8, T1S, R7E for 2.33 miles, all property to the North and East.

Then follow Bridger Creek Southwest across Sections 17&20, T1S, R7E for 1.94 miles, all property the North and East.

Then follow Jackson Creek Road for 5.6 miles, all property to the North and East.

Travelling Northeast across Sections 2&1, T1S, R7E for 1.7 miles, all property to the North and West.

The East boundary is the Gallatin-Park County line all the way North to Meagher County.



Subdivision 100

COMMISSIONER MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2012

Commissioner Gail Vennes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Laura Obert and Elaine Graveley.

Ben Knaff appeared before the board requesting the Board sign a Subgrant Application to Montana Board of Crime Control for Broadwater County Misdemeanor Probation. Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Subgrant Application. Commissioner Graveley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding the proposed Legislative District combining Broadwater and Meagher into a single district. Kelly Flynn approached the Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 2012 about changing the boundaries so that Broadwater County will be in one district. Nichole Brown, Planner/Rural Addressing Coordinator was asked to create a Legislative Boundary Re-Districting Proposal. Nichole Brown provided 6 Legislative Maps each having their own detailed description of the boundaries. The target is a population of 9,800 per district. The following comments were made:

- Tim Ravndal inquired as to whether or not the Commissioners communicated with Meagher County. Commissioner Vennes indicated Meagher County would submit a letter of support. Inquiry was also made whether or not the Commissioners have communicated with the redistricting commission in Helena. Broadwater County will have representatives attending the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission meeting in Helena on 2/17/2012. The County intends to have a proposal to submit to them. Mr. Ravndal indicated he agrees with the proposals and inquired whether or not Jefferson County was looked at as an option. Commissioner Vennes indicated no. Tim requested a couple days to review & comment before a decision is made. Commissioner Obert indicated this is not the end of the process. There is still time to work on options as there are many steps to process. Tim's final comment was to keep it whole and go South.
- John Wright inquired as to whether or not a mandated timeframe existed to make this decision and whether or not there was a cost to the County to participate in the redistricting. Comment was received that from John that Jefferson County has more in common with Broadwater than Meagher.
- Carole Plymale inquired when the process started. Commissioners indicated the 2010 census triggered the process. She suggested using the newspaper to get the word out and she felt not much time was given to review the information.
- Hugh VanSwearingen commented that we are early in the process. Hugh commented that all Counties want to be whole and that a member of the legislative commission said it is hard to do.
- Nancy Marks commented and submitted a letter of support on behalf of the Broadwater County Democratic Central Committee. The group supports the idea that all of Broadwater County should be in a single state House District instead of two as it

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currently is. Nancy suggested this information be submitted to the newspaper or on webpage including the board's decision as to which map will be submitted to the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission.

- Sarah Seiler (spelling) inquired as to population of Jefferson County and why Jefferson County as a whole was not included. Commissioner Vennes indicated the population was too large to include as a whole.
- Tim Ford inquired as to whether or not the number of legislative districts is set by Constitution. The Commissioners indicated it is set by constitution.

Commissioner Vennes indicated a consensus needed to be made by Friday, February 17, 2012. Commissioner Obert pointed out the need to remain flexible with options going in. Both she and Commissioner Graveley suggested Broadwater County submit all 6 maps. Commissioner Obert suggested including a letter of support for a map the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission has on their website that included Three Forks, MT. Commissioner Graveley suggested six copies of the final proposal are made available for presentation on 2/17/2012.

Written comments were received by Rebecca and Wayne Mitchell indicating if re-districting is eminent and voting district boundaries for HD 68 must change, then Broadwater County is better off being incorporated with Meagher County than joining us with either a Helena district or south into Bozeman. She indicated the latter-two options would not represent the interests of Broadwater County (a basically agricultural and ranching county) well at all.

ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE AND/OR APPROVAL

1. Letter from Department of Public Health & Human Services; FY2012 Nursing Facility Intergovernmental Transfer Questionnaire to be returned by 02/24/2012; Commissioner Graveley made a motion to complete the survey indicating the County will participate in the IGT program for FY2012 at the full amount by May 1, 2012. Commissioner Obert seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Claims paid 02/07/2012 in the amount of \$14,173.11. Commissioner Graveley made a motion to approve. Commissioner Obert seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Information Technology Services Division Filter Request form requesting access to blocked internet sites for Sgt. Korthals. Commissioner Obert made a motion to approve. Commissioner Graveley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Cascade County Regional Youth Services Center claim in the amount of \$1,265. Commissioner Obert made a motion to transfer \$1,240.70 from PILT to Fund 2301 Juvenile Detention to pay the claim. Commissioner Graveley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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MAIL

1. Request from Brooke Dolan for Commissioners to assist her office in paying for the recent painting of her office and the County Attorney's Office using Fund 2894 State Allocated Federal Mineral Royalty fund. Commissioner Obert made a motion to approved Brooke's request of \$1,000 to be paid out of Fund 2894.
2. Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust announcement dated 1/29/2012 soliciting projects for funding.
3. Letter from Bill West dated February 2, 2012 concerning Toston Dam road.
4. Letter from Department of Commerce concerning CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) – CDBG WPIRS contract #STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-0005 indicating approval for a one year deferral on principal and interest on the loan made to Centennial Wood Products.
5. Request from Bill Burkland-Robert Peccia & Associates to put Airport's 2012 pavement maintenance work required paperwork on agenda for review and signatures. February 21, 2012 was chosen by the Board.
6. Request from Bill Burkland-Robert Peccia & Associates to schedule the airport project bid opening on March 28th. The Board indicated 3/28/2012 would be acceptable.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Gail M. Vennes, Chairman

ATTEST:
Natalie Wenzel, Finance Officer for
Clerk & Recorder's Office

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012

Broadwater County Commissioners
County Court House
515 Broadway
Townsend, Mt. 59644

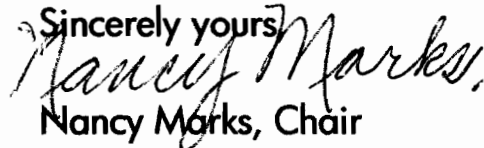
Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Broadwater County Democratic Central Committee I would like to comment on the issue of state legislative redistricting.

Our group supports the idea that all of Broadwater County should be in a single state House district instead of two, as it is now. We understand that Broadwater County's population is insufficient to meet the required minimum district population of approximately 9,900. We have no position on what other area or areas should be added to Broadwater County to reach the required population minimum.

We also understand that redrawing of legislative district maps is up to the state Districting & Apportionment Commission, and that our chances of getting what we want is probably small.

We did want to be heard however. Thank you for allowing our input on the matter.

Sincerely yours


Nancy Marks, Chair
Broadwater County Democratic
Central Committee
3597 Hwy 284, Townsend, MT 59644

February 9, 2012

Wayne and Rebecca Kelch Mitchell
P.O. Box 739
Townsend, Montana 59644

Broadwater County Commissioners
515 Broadway St.
Townsend, Montana 59644

RE: Redistricting

Dear Commissioner Obert and Commissioners:

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In Jefferson County, the proposal is to divide the county into thirds, with two of the thirds each going to a separate Butte district. One can only imagine how well a representative from Butte (which will surely be the outcome) will represent the rural community he or she also serves. The same would be true for Broadwater County. At least by incorporating Broadwater with Meagher, the two counties have similar interests even though agreement on all issues may not be compatible.

Sincerely,

Rebecca and Wayne Mitchell

PO Box 739, Townsend, MT 59644

Broadwater Commissioners

From: Rebecca Kelch Mitchell [tymetravl@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:20 AM
To: Broadwater Commissioners
Subject: Re-Districting
Attachments: February 9 2012.docx

I have attached a Word document concerning the re-districting issue to come before the Commission on February 10, 2012. I have also pasted it below just in case you cannot open the document. Thank you.

February 9, 2012

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Townsend, Montana 59644

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