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MINUTES

August 16, 2012

Room 172, State Capitol
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, Attachment #1.
Visitors' list, Attachment #2.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Districting and Apportionment Commission took no official action on August 16, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 00:00:01 Commissioner Regnier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Secretary noted the roll, all members were present (Attachment 3). Commissioner Regnier said that as the redistricting process enters its fourth day, he has asked both sides for further amendments to proposed maps and that the bulk of the day would be devoted to that. He said that before recessing the meeting public comment would be taken.
- 00:01:42 **Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commissioner**, said that after watching the Commission's proceedings on the internet the previous day, he felt he had to clarify some of the topics discussed. Commissioner Wortman then commented on a range of topics, including a response to the Commission's discussion about the census reduction in population in Jefferson County, specifically in Boulder; statements made by the Mayor of Whitehall in support of being paired with Butte-Silver Bow in the Communities Plan; issues of concern about Jefferson County being paired in a district with Butte-Silver Bow; a response to Commissioner Lamson's comments regarding his (Wortman's) own work as a Jefferson County Commissioner; and a plea for the Commission to consider the enormous number of public comments made by the citizens of Jefferson County stating their opposition to being paired with Lewis and Clark and Butte-Silver Bow. Commissioner Wortman also discussed the strong community of interest shared by southern Jefferson County and Madison County. He said if that pairing could not be made, a good compromise would be to move a portion of northern Jefferson County into the Broadwater County district and to keep southern Jefferson County in a Jefferson County district.
- 00:10:25 Commissioner Regnier recessed the meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- BREAK**
- 08:03:52 Commissioner Regnier reconvened the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m. to adjourn it for the evening, saying that the Commission would resume the meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, August 17, 2012.

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