

November 20, 2012 Meeting of the Morgantown Ward Boundary Commission – 11-20-1

**Members:**

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The November 20, 2012 meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Public Service Building (PBS). Alan Donaldson arrived at 9:15 a.m. and placed on the table 2 large maps showing precinct and ward boundary data from the November 6, 2012 general election provided by city election register, April Davies and illustrated by cartographer/engineer Damian Davis. City Clerk, Linda Little, set up a speaker-phone on the table in order to communicate with member David Huffman as pre-arranged by telephone. Alan and Linda had previously contacted the Morgantown Ward Boundary Commission (MWBC) members, who each had been provided a 5- page document, (included here as an attachment) which indicated the same voter registration data illustrated on a small map and 4 pages that displayed the numerical data and analyzed the information. Each member was able to evaluate the data, draw conclusions and make recommendations prior to the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The MWBC members all have served several terms and have shown good consistent judgment in balancing variables of size, shape, and distribution of precincts within a ward. An important guideline for equality is their community strengths that enhance the quality of life for Morgantown citizens. Presently, five wards of the city indicate acceptable November 2012 voter registration results of deviations of 15% or less from the average ward of the seven wards. The remaining two wards of the City of Morgantown deviate but not excessively from the average ward. When Linda and Alan talked with six of the seven MWBC members prior to the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, they commented that no change in ward boundaries is warranted for 2012.

The Morgantown Ward Boundary Commission thanks April Davies and Linda Little for their continuing help and support.

*Alan Donaldson*

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Chairman, Morgantown Ward Boundary Commission

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<i>First Ward</i>	01	467	0	2	165	207	0	0	0	0	0	7	848
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<i>SECOND WARD</i>	04	703	7	2	277	298	0	0	0	0	0	14	1301
	06	428	4	6	244	120	0	0	0	0	0	15	817
<i>6th Ward</i>	08	611	5	6	238	253	0	0	0	0	0	11	1124
<i>3rd Ward</i>	10	628	7	5	582	375	0	0	0	0	0	23	1620
<i>5th Ward</i>	13	345	6	3	272	202	0	0	0	0	0	7	835
	14	527	10	3	413	360	0	0	0	0	0	8	1321
	15	117	1	2	57	65	0	0	0	0	0	5	247
<i>3rd Ward</i>	16	596	5	4	320	288	0	0	0	0	0	17	1230
<i>4th Ward</i>	20	192	1	0	179	91	0	0	0	0	0	8	471
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<i>7th Ward</i>	23	688	2	2	217	375	0	0	0	0	0	14	1298
<i>4th Ward</i>	26	393	1	0	124	218	0	0	0	0	0	12	748
<i>7th Ward</i>	27	191	1	0	76	113	0	0	0	0	0	3	384
<i>6th Ward</i>	30	630	2	1	234	252	0	0	0	0	0	14	1133
<i>7th Ward</i>	90	159	3	0	75	118	0	0	0	0	0	5	360
<b>Total:</b>		7954	63	43	4273	4145	0	0	0	0	0	188	16666

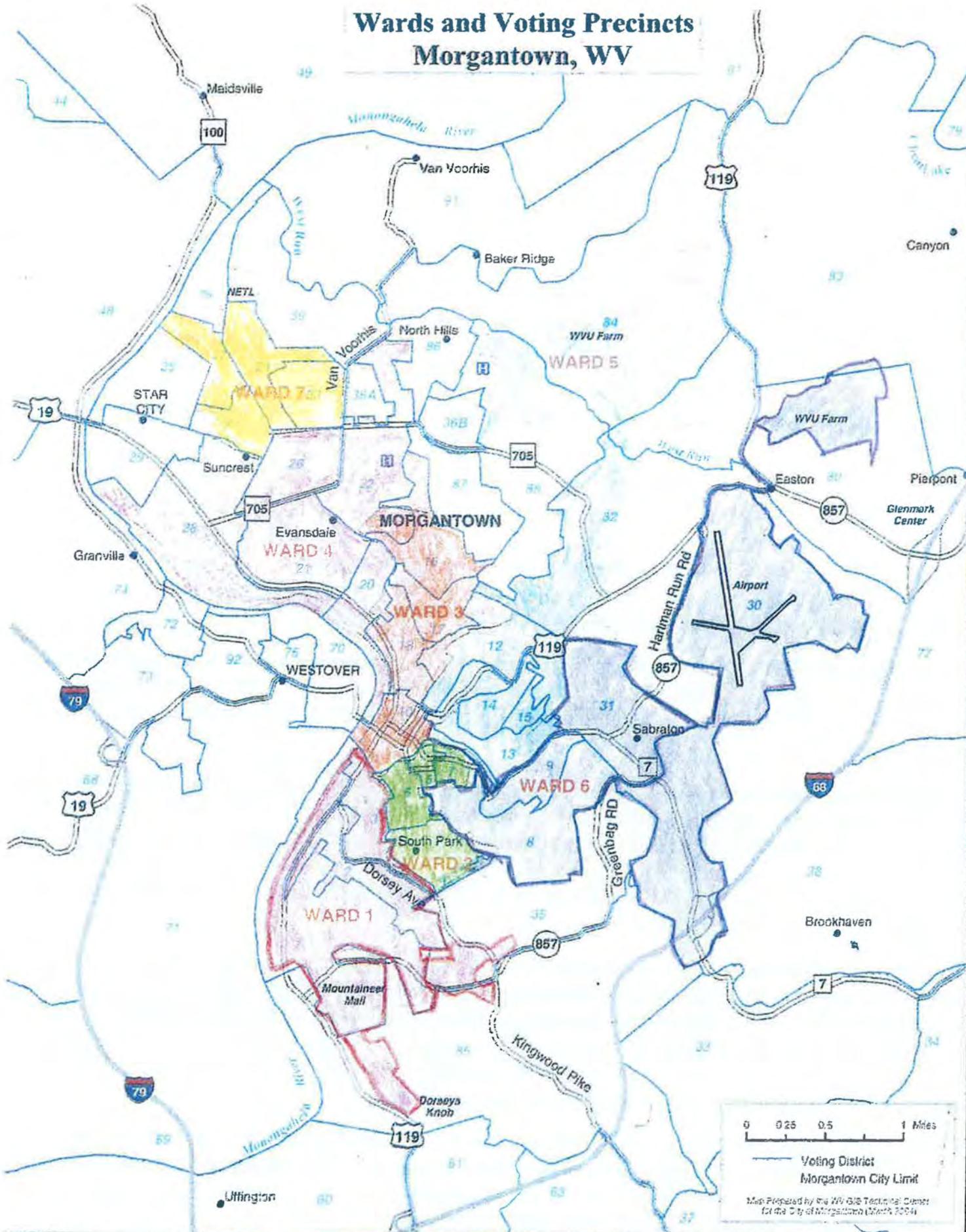
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Ward	Voter Registration AVERAGE	Deviation from Average in VR	%
Ward 1	2098	2098 - 2381 = -283	12
Ward 2	2118	2118 - 2381 = -263	11
Ward 3	2850	2850 - 2381 = +469	16
Ward 4	2898	2898 - 2381 = +517	18
Ward 5	2403	2403 - 2381 = +22	1
Ward 6	2257	2257 - 2381 = -124	5
Ward 7	2042	2042 - 2381 = -339	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,666</b>		



# Wards and Voting Precincts Morgantown, WV



January 4, 2006, the County Commission consolidated the following Precincts within the City of Morgantown

Precincts 3 and 2 consolidated and known as Precinct 2.	Precincts 11 and 10 consolidated and known as Precinct 10.
Precincts 5 and 4 consolidated and known as Precinct 4.	Precincts 22 and 21 consolidated and known as Precinct 21.
Precincts 7 and 6 consolidated and known as Precinct 6.	Precincts 24 and 23 consolidated and known as Precinct 23.
Precincts 9 and 8 consolidated and known as Precinct 8.	Precincts 31 and 30 consolidated and known as Precinct 30.

# City Commission Discusses Considerations for Morgantown Ward Boundaries

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morgantown, W.Va., July 19, 2012 – As voters research state and national candidates in preparation for going to the polls to cast their ballots in the November 2012 general election, the City of Morgantown Ward Boundary Commission is already working to prepare Morgantown for the April 2013 municipal election.

The Commission met Monday, July 16, to discuss preliminary considerations for setting ward boundaries. Alan Donaldson, Ward Boundary Chair, in a written statement, said, "The Commission considers deviation from the ward average of registered voters as a criterion for changing ward boundaries." According to Donaldson, municipal wards exceeding a 15-percent deviation in the number of voters is considered "undesirable and in need of remedies to correct imbalance."

In accordance with the City Charter, the Ward Boundary Commission is expected to submit a report to the City Clerk – between November 15 and November 30 of this year- containing a recommended plan and a map for the adjustment of ward boundaries to comply with specifications outlined in City Charter Section 7.05.

Specifications include wards formed from contiguous territory following precinct lines and center lines of streets wherever practicable, and as nearly as practicable the same number of qualified voters as determined from the last statewide general election in 2010. Mayor Jim Manilla said, "It's important to remember the City Charter states specifications are not to be construed to require the adjustment precinct boundaries or to sacrifice compactness of wards for the sake of achieving equality in numbers of registered voters among the seven wards of the City."

Following the official submission of the report of the Ward Boundary Commission, City Council may take action to approve the report as recommended and introduce a proposed ordinance providing for the ward boundaries in accordance with the specifications contained in the report. Otherwise, if City Council doesn't approve the report, the reasons will be stated for the record and City Council will introduce an ordinance adjusting ward boundaries consistent with the City Charter, unless a finding of fact is made that no ward boundary adjustments are necessary.

"Ward boundaries are the basis for representative government in our City," said Manilla, adding that "over time, as population changes so must ward boundaries so as to not disenfranchise citizens." Manilla mused, "I can remember when second ward school was actually in second ward. Today, the former second ward school is located in what is now sixth ward."

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