

## Proposed Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors Districts with 2020 Census Data

The Buena Vista County temporary redistricting and reprecincting commission members, Kim Johnson, Don Altena, Deboney Langner, Randall Ericksen, and Lynette Goodman met on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 to review and set supervisors' district plans and set the proposed Board of Supervisors District boundaries following the IA Code and requirements set forth by the IA Secretary of State office. The Commission was also assisted by Susan Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor, Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy, and Eric Chase, Buena Vista County GIS Coordinator.

**Public Hearing:** The temporary redistricting and reprecincting commission is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed plan for the public to review the plans. The public hearing is December 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Buena Vista County Courthouse Public Meeting Room. Two proposed plans will be discussed, and the commission will hear comments or objections to the plans, and then they will vote on which plan to submit to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

**Criteria:** The State of Iowa has the following requirements that must be followed when setting such boundaries for a Plan 2 County. Buena Vista County is a plan 2 county which is defined as: each member of the Board of Supervisors is elected at large, but each has residency requirements and must live within the specific district.

1. Must follow census block data boundaries.
2. Must be composed of a contiguous territory.
3. Must be a compact territory.
4. Must follow political subdivision boundaries (such as city and townships) as much as possible.
5. Must not take into consideration residences of current Board of Supervisors or elected officials from County.
6. Must be as close as possible to the ideal district population which is equal population to each other (within a 1% variance). Buena Vista County district ideal population is 4,165 and target range is between 4,124 and 4,206 people.
7. Must be the best plan possible and shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
8. Commission must hold a public hearing of the proposed plans prior to approve a final set of plans to go to the Board of Supervisors for review.
9. The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing and then approves the final supervisors district plans to submit to the Auditor.
10. Auditor must submit the final approved plan to the Iowa Secretary of State Office after public hearing for the final approval by the State.
11. Supervisor District changes take effect for elections held after January 15, 2022.

**Populations:** The two plans proposed would create the following populations.

**Plan A:**

District 1: 4,168      District 2: 4,167      District 3: 4,162      District 4: 4,157      District 5: 4,169

**Plan B:**

District 1: 4,126      District 2: 4,153      District 3: 4,167      District 4: 4,192      District 5: 4,185

A map of the proposed districts may be obtained at the Buena Vista County Auditor's Office, or they will be on the County's website at <https://buenavistacounty.iowa.gov/>. Comments or objections may also be sent to the County Auditor's Office, P O Box 220, Storm Lake, IA 50588.