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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good morning. As chair of the Commission, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:06 am. This zoom webinar is being live-streamed to YouTube for anyone in the public watching would prefer to watch via a different platform than they currently are using, please visit our social media at Redistricting Michigan, to find the link for either viewing on YouTube. Our live stream today includes closed captioning. We have ASL interpretation available for this meeting. If you are a member of the public watching who would like easier viewing options for the ASL interpreter on your screen, please email us at [redistricting@michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@michigan.gov), and we will provide you with additional viewing options.

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>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Good morning, Commissioners. When I call your name, please unmute yourself, indicate that you are present and the location that you are attending remotely from.

Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present and I'm remotely attending from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present. And I'm attending the meeting from Detroit Michigan.

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- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Anthony Eid.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Present. And I'm remotely attending from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Brittni Kellom.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Present, and remotely attending from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Rhonda Lange.
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present, and remotely attending from Reed City, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Steve Lett.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present, and remotely attending from Grand Traverse County, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Cynthia Orton
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present. Attending remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: MC Rothhorn.
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present. Remotely attending from Lansing, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Rebecca Szetela.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present. Remotely attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Janice Vallette.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present attending remotely from Hyland Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Erin Wagner.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Remotely attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: Richard Weiss.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present and I am attending remotely Sagina, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: And Dustin Witjes.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present and I am attending remotely from Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- >> MS. SALLY MARSH: All Commissioners are present there is a quorum.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sally. Moving on to the adoption of the agenda, you can see the agenda at [redistrictingmichigan.org](http://redistrictingmichigan.org). If we all have enough time looking at the agenda, are there any amendments or discussions regarding the agenda? Yes, Sue?
- >>MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: So I just want to make the public and Commissioners aware that I did send along with another resolution immediately prior to the meeting, so check your email boxes and that will be during the discussion when Edward presents today.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sue, for bringing our attention to that. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Motion by Steve Lett. Is there a second? Second by Dustin Witjes. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

>> Aye

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All opposed. The ayes have it. The agenda has been approved. And moving on to the review and approval of minutes. Are there any edits to the meeting minutes?

Hearing none.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move the adoption of the meeting minutes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Moved by Steve Lett. And seconded by Doug Clark. If you move to approve the minutes as presented please signify by a raised hand. All those opposed? And the minutes are approved.

And now, we have our public comment. If there is any public comment for today. There are. And just as a reminder for those of us joining who might be joining the first time, because this is a virtual meeting, members of the public had to sign up in advance, and address the Commission. Staff at the Department of State will unmute each member of the public for up to two minutes on a first-come-first-serve basis. This means members of the public will be called on an order in which they signed up to address the Commission.

To those members of the public participating and public comment, please note you will have no more than two minutes to address the Commission this morning. You can also submit your thoughts, the Commission and the public by emailing [redistricting@michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@michigan.gov), the Department of State will provide your written thoughts to the Commission as always by indicating in that email that you would like to submit your written comment as public comment. It will be included in the online meeting archive for the Commission. Public comment signup links are also posted on Redistricting Michigan's social media pages on Facebook and Twitter at Redistricting Michigan.

Now I would like to recognize Sally Marsh Michigan Department of State Director of Special Projects who will call on members of the public to address the Commission. Sally.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. Just a few reminders of how this works from a technical perspective. After I call your name and your screen will change and you will rejoin the meeting as a presenter, and then you need to turn your sound and video on before you make public comments to the Commission. If you experience technical issues we'll move on to the next person, and try to come back to you, and if we still can't resolve the technical audio issues, or otherwise, you can always email [edistricting@michigan.gov](mailto:edistricting@michigan.gov),

we will help you troubleshoot for a future meeting and of course provide any comments that you have to the Commission.

So first in line for public comment today is Jacqueline Stewart, please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

You have two minutes.

>> JACQUELINE STEWART: Good morning, can you hear me? My name is Jacqueline Stewart, and I'm joining from East Lansing where I live. I'm a member of the League of Women Voters of the Lansing area, and so I thank you for this opportunity. I want to do two things today, introduce myself and congratulate you on your work. I'm sure there are many people watching your meetings including other League of Women voter members across the state. I've been watching for about two months. I report back to my local chapter. And because I do that, I thought I should introduce myself. Speaking for myself, I'm perturbed by the low percentage of people who are informed about the redistricting process, and about your work. The data that you shared on April 15 was quite dismaying. As you know the League of Women Voters Michigan and many other groups are working on this issue. And I do hope that your own outreach plan will make a difference. It's vital that citizens participate. I want to congratulate you on your courage, your grace, and the transparency with which you handle complex and potentially divisive issues. Anyone who spends any time watching gets a civics lesson on what participatory democracy looks like. So I hope that more people will watch, and that many will attend your public hearings and town halls across Michigan, and that this begins to build trust in our government, and respect for each other. Thank you for your time today.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line to provide public comment is Donna Miller, please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> DONNA MILLER: Hello? Can you see me? Hello, everyone.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Hello, you have two minutes.

>> DONNA MILLER: Thank you. Hi, this is Donna, and I want to say good morning to everyone, and I thank you for hearing my comments this morning. There are two things I will briefly say, first concerning communities of interests. I know in many communities there may be a small percentage of persons of color, and I want the Commission to be aware when thinking about communities of color, to please know that when a person of color is in a community, they are part of that community. I know that there is a concern about how to focus on a small percentage of persons of color, just remember we are part of the community that we live in. And I'm afraid of isolation as protection. I live in Taylor Michigan, along with a small percentage of persons of color, and we're part of the community. And my second thought is a request. Please post the meeting locations and times on your website, and I thank you all for being here and listening to us. Thank you.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Thank you for addressing the Commission this morning. And our final participant in live public comment is Frederick Nienstedt please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> FRED NIENSTEDT: Can you hear me?

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Yes, and if you want to turn out your video, you are welcome, you have two minutes.

>> FRED NIENSTEDT: Thank you. My name is Fred Nienstedt, this is my first opportunity to address the Commission. And I work for a living. I'm off today for other reasons, and I don't have much time to talk about -- so much that you already covered I'm sure. But the process is extremely sophisticated in that when you get your chance to draw the district boundaries, I don't know that the public is going to even see how this process lays out, how it happens.

And so it lends to me some sense of suspicion. And with so many people working for a living unable to participate in these call-ins, it leaves much of the community out of the process. And so we start with sophisticated gerrymandering, based on politics and we switch it with a sophisticated unknown selection process that puts boundaries on the map and controls our voting for the next 10 years.

And so as a final thought, please consider as much as you can the governmental boundaries in place, and ease the burden on the different clerks across our state, thank you very much.

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Thank you for addressing the Commission and that concludes public comment this morning.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sally, and all of you who came and shared your thoughts, and ideas with us. We do take them seriously and actively listen to the concerns and suggestions made from the public, and again, thank you. And moving on to the Executive Director's Report. If there is no further comment and or correspondence regarding our public comment. We have Suann Hammersmith with our ice breaker.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I did send out two pieces of correspondence this week and if Commissioners want further information, they can let us know on those correspondence pieces, and I will go into then my Executive Director report for this morning.

Good morning everyone. Update on negotiations with consultancies, ongoing with the VRA council Bruce Edelson has provided all the requested documents, the staff is finalizing the better evaluation document that will be posted with the notice of intent to award, and then the posting will be made, so the contract will be fully executed after five days of that posting so that one is very close. I hope that happens within the next business day or two.

And we have one remaining issue to address with EDS, and met on Monday, and agreed upon the scope and sent them the proposed language on Tuesday with a

request for response, with the apportionment data, and -- Greg said is very busy and has not yet responded, as soon as he does, then the staff will also prepare the better evaluation document, and that will be posted with a notice of intent and again the five-day process where any can protest but assuming there is no protest, those will be in effect five days within the postings.

Promotional consultant contracts for Southeast Michigan and then outstate are very close to being executed probably by the end of the week, and these will -- These allow for a streamlined process since both of these contracts are below the \$50,000 mark, and then the venue contracts are also being negotiated with the 16 public hearing sites, so we've been busy contracting.

On staffing, I think we reported we had interviewed for the position, but we didn't really feel we found the best fit and thought we would go in a different direction. And we're looking at people that we can add to help us probably more on a short-term basis, versus the possibility of a long-term executive assistant, so we're going to continue to talk and see how that plays out and certainly let the Commission know when decisions are made. And regarding this also, you are going to receive an updated budget this week. I know a couple of Commissioners reached out about several resolutions and items on the agenda today, and almost all of that is already within the existing budget, and only a small amount that would go outside of that, and we'll give you an update next week. We have a better sense now of what we will pay to the vendors during this fiscal year, during the next fiscal year, and think we'll have a better handle on the numbers. And so lastly our icebreaker for the day, share something that you're excited about. I'm going to start with Commissioner Orton, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm excited for the world to overcome COVID, and so we can stop bringing masks and touching people and hug people.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That would be lovely. MC how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm excited for the public hearing, and the possibility of meeting a lot of people. And similar to Cynthia, it feels like we're going to be in person, and traveling across Michigan and meeting people from Michigan is -- I'm excited about that. I'm an extrovert.

I'm excited about biking there to potentially not all -- but I'm excited about biking.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: All right, should be an adventure, that's for sure, a wonderful opportunity. Rebecca, how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry I had to unmute. I'm actually really excited for my kids to get vaccinated, my husband and I have already been vaccinated with the COVID vaccine and my older sons, it looks like, possibly by the beginning of June, you'll be able to be vaccinated. My younger ones little later in the year, but I am just really excited for those vaccines to be approved for younger kids so that they have a bit of protection and start to carry on with normal lives again.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you for sharing. Erin how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm excited that Michigan is finally over its Winter and Spring looks to be here.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I think it might be. Janice, how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm excited to get the show on the road, and excited for the public hearings.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That's great, we're all excited about that I think. Richard?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I agree with MC and Janet, I'm kind of excited to get this going and hopefully get our maps strong, get them in, get them done the first time and everything goes smoothly.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Dustin how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm excited to in the immediate future going to the UP, I plan on fly-fishing up there on some rivers I want to see. I haven't been there -- I have been there a couple of times, but haven't been there as an adult I should say. And so I'm going to have a lot of fun up there.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: All right, we're happy you can be there with us. Doug Clark, how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This time of year I always get excited about the Kentucky derby. That's coming up Saturday, and get my bets in today.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay, may your horse win. And Juanita?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have twofold excitement, I'm excited about the weather changing and it's pretty warm now. And also the town hall meetings will be going too, I'm getting excited about that.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That's great. Anthony how about you?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, so in less than two weeks now I will be in Jackson and then Kalamazoo, so I'm really excited about that. Yeah, on a shorter-term, the NFL draft is tonight, so let's hope the Lions make the right pick.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We can only hope, right? How about you Brittni?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I am excited to be here today, among my peers, this feels really good to hear you all smiling and hear what you are excited about, and then I am copying Erin the weather. I live and breathe for sunshine, this is great, minus today, but the general warm-up is exciting.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you, how about you Steve?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm excited that we're going to at least hopefully all of us be together and we'll finally be able to have a slice of MC's bread that he bakes.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: So MC can you bring that bread on your bike, will that be part of your luggage? Okay, I don't mean to put you on the spot. So Edward, how about you?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I'm really excited for the public hearings, to be honest with you. And we spent a lot of time as a group, and to get those organized and see we're less than two weeks away, just really excited about the opportunity, and hearing directly from the residents, and you know, seeing people's excitement about it, they want to talk to the Commission, and appreciate the opportunity to share what they feel their community of interests might be. And how they felt about the process, and just good to see the beginning insight.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thanks Edward, how about you Julianne?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thanks, Suann. Good morning, everyone. Yes, I am excited for the opportunity of today. I get excited for every new day I share in the excitement of going to the public hearings and being together in a safe manner. And getting to spend time with the residents of the state.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thanks, Julianne. I have to echo, I'm really excited about public hearings and interfacing with our Commissioners, and getting to know you a little better because I have not met even some of you in person. I look forward to that. I look forward to us having time where we can get to know each other a little better, and especially that time that we have with the public, where we can listen to the citizens of Michigan, and gather their input for the process, and we're off to the races. So, thank you everyone, and I'll send it back to our Chair Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sue, and for the wonderful ice breaker, and report we appreciate that. Now moving on to MDOS updates, Ms. Sally Marsh, do you have a report or something that we need to know?

>> MS. SALLY MARSH: Good morning, everyone, my update is very brief, but just wanted to let you all know we continue to look to finalize the public comment and portal and website we talked about in more detail last week. And that is set to be live and available to the public at some point next week. But certainly, of course prior to your public hearing starting on May 11th. And we'll continue to update you as that moves forward and as we have, you know, the link and materials for public distribution. And so stay tuned, and we're excited that is going to come together in time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, Sally, we look forward to the continuation of that update. We have now unfinished business, and we have one item, a contract for video production services and a resolution, and our Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III, there's something that we need to know about this resolution before we take action.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I have a presentation I would like to share to the Commission at this time with regards to this process, and I will get it up immediately. Bear with me.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Is everyone able to see my screen, if you can just nod your head. Great, just a little bit of background we're running a multimedia education campaign about Michigan's new redistricting process. Which included video production



services and the funding for this project comes out of the communication outreach budget of \$400,000, approved by the MICRC for fiscal year 2021. We requested the 3 finalists, Good Fruit Video, Message Makers, and Uno Deuce respond to additional questions to identify the best video production services bid. Here are the questions we asked:

Utilizing the production process and information, what would be your Wow Idea to produce a commercial in a vignette on the redistricting process, and please identify the cost for each. The attached information included Redistricting 101 and our Michigan Voter Survey. The attached information, once again, include Redistricting 101 and the voter survey that was commissioned by the Commission, Chair, how many types of 30-second commercials minimum Full HD you can produce for \$24,999.99 share how many and the type of 1-3 minute vignettes, minimum Full HD you can produce for 24,999.99, and share how many, and the type of 30-second commercials, whether they would be animated, whether they would be utilizing talent, or a hybrid of both and 1-3 minute vignettes, minimum Full HD for \$49,999. Share from your work a relevant 30-second commercial, minimum Full HD that focused on increasing awareness or engagement, about a new process. Share from your work a relevant 1-3 minute vignette minimum Full HD that focused on public education, about a new process. And please share how you address concerns with your clients in the video production process. In assessing the bids, MICRC and MDOS staff are recommending to the Commission, Good Fruit Video for an amount not to exceed \$49,999.99 They will provide the following: Two 30-second commercials, one 30-second animated commercial, which would be produced in Arabic, English, and Spanish. Three one-minute vignettes, and one 30-second commercial featuring the commission, and one 1-3 minute vignette that would also feature the Commission as well. And the motion is to be authorized by the MICRC staff to execute a video production services contract with Good Fruit, not to exceed \$49,999.99 for the first round of public hearings. If there is questions, Madam Chairperson, I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Does any have questions for Edward. Richard, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, thank you. Edward, how many times would these air. They're 1 to 3 minutes. How many times would they air on TV? Do you have that information?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That would actually be under the paid media contract, but also we could use that for YouTube. We also want to use that as a part of our presentations. Remember last week I talked about the vaccine model by Dr. Neil Fleming, and how adults learn in two or three learning styles. The videos actually provide an opportunity for the kinesthetic learning style. And so we can actually incorporate them as part of our videos, we can use them on our social media channels, and a lot of options we are able to do, and please don't look at just commercials, but other aspects as well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward, for that. And thank you Richard for your question. Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got a question for clarification, I believe last week we met Anthony and put forward a motion to have Good Fruit as the vendor. So the question is, was that a motion that is sitting on the table at this point, and if not, I would like to put that forward.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I think our General Council can speak to, but the motion didn't pass.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe it didn't pass because we wanted to do more research then.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We did vote on it, and it did not carry, there was a motion and was voted on and doesn't carry, but that doesn't prevent you from making a motion today.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: With that additional information I would like to make that motion.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'll second it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Talking away on mute. It's been moved and seconded, and that we vote to approve the resolution for the offer contract for videography services. All those in favor signify with a raised hand. And all those opposed. By my count, the motion carries, and we're going to go ahead and offer the contract for videography services as presented. And thank you, Edward.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Chair, did Juanita raise her hand? Or can she verbally indicate for the record?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: My computer is not receiving the Zoom data for me, and I can't make a statement one way or the other.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We can hear you, can you give a verbal vote a yay or nay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, yay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. And thank you, again, Rebecca.

Okay, so our next item on the agenda is New Business. We have some public hearing details brought to us again by our communication and outreach director, Edward Woods III. Edward if you're ready you can have the floor.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, let me change to the next presentation. All right, are you able to see the presentation, perfect? Thank you.

In regards to public hearings and logistics and schedule. What we want to do is talk a little bit about travel logistics, choose the itinerary during the public hearing process with regards to the venues and facilities, and also share information in regards to registration, security, and technology, and then giving you the dates and locations that were previously emailed earlier this week.

As a part of this presentation, we will also hear from Suann Hammersmith our Executive Director, and as well as Sara Reinhardt from MDOS as well. And just to share a little bit

of additional details. I do want to share with you, you will receive a daily itinerary so that you understand what is happening each day as a part of this process, and the times as relates to your interview schedules, what time you need to be at the public hearing, and what time that's available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And you will receive an itinerary sheet, a one-pager that you can reference that will have all the details, phone numbers you need to contact or any questions that you may have as relates to that particular day. So that would be a part of our process. At this time Sue is going to talk about travel logistics as relates to transportation lodging and meals, referencing the one-pager that was previously sent to you.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay, the travel regulations we all received come in several pages and booklets, and I thought maybe you needed just a one-page simple reference tool, so if you travel by vehicle, you will be reimbursed for your mileage and parking and tolls. But you do not receive reimbursement or fuel or repairs or anything to do with your vehicle, and we will not reimburse for any parking tickets that are moving violations are associated fines.

You can also use a rental vehicle, there would be cases it would be less expensive to pay rent on a vehicle, and the fuel than actually have mileage reimbursement, or you don't have a reliable vehicle, those would be reasons you want to rent a vehicle. And also if you would fly you might need to rent a vehicle. And so in that case, you don't get the mileage reimbursement, but you can get reimbursement for fuel with receipts and reimbursement for rental vehicles. So again, parking and tolls will be reimbursed but no reimbursement for parking tickets.

I would ask you to document on the receipt why you chose to rent the vehicle. There could be a perfectly logical reason where it would make more sense to rent a vehicle than to drive your own.

You can also fly, I know some cases in the Detroit area, it's actually cheaper to fly to Marquette, and back home than it is to get reimbursed for mileage. You may have a situation where during that week you are unable to attend the public hearing, that's the second one in the week that would be in Gaillard, so you only need to go to Marquette and back. So there may be a reason for you to fly. If you do, we expect you to book at the lowest fare, and we, you know, we wouldn't reimburse for any upgrades, and we would cover one piece of luggage and transportation to and from the airport with a receipt. So also you have to get to the airport and back home from the airport again. And again, I would ask you to document on the receipt why you decided to fly. And again, there may be a perfectly good reason to do so.

On meals, those are reimbursed depending on where we are. But the basic rate is 8.50 for breakfast, and 8.50 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner, or you can get reimbursed for \$36 for the day, if you decide not to eat breakfast and lunch, and go out and spend 36 for dinner, including taxes and tips, that could be reimbursed. With your receipt through Kelly Services, if you turn in a receipt that is higher than the amount that is allowed,

please put that you're asking for the amount that is allowed. So you spend 10 dollars on lunch, and can only get reimbursed \$8.50 turn in the \$10 receipt, but in your expense report only asked to be reimbursed for \$8.50. Does that make sense to people?

Because otherwise I'll have to deny them, and they'll get complicated.

In certain cities and counties, there is a higher reimbursement, those are listed, I'm not going to go through them all, but if you're traveling through one of those cities and stop to have a meal. Again, you would get a higher reimbursement in some counties in some cities and some we will have public hearings in, and also the reimbursement is for breakfast if travel begins by 6 and extends past 8:30. And for lunch, if travel begins by 11:30 and extends past 2. And for dinner, if travel begins by 5:30 and extends past 8. So if you're on tour, it's an all-day affair it would be the full day. Any questions. Sorry my voice, I have a persistent frog this morning, sorry.

Any questions on that?

All right, thank you very much.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm sorry, Sue, I shook my head. I realized there is a recommendation if we rent a car. You go to the state travel agency, can you send that to me, I'm anticipating doing that.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Yeah, I'll be happy to send that link.

>> Please send it to everybody if you could.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I will.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Does that conclude details for public hearings?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commission Eid hand is up.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't see it and apologize.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, that was a mistake.

[Laughter]

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'll get back to the presentation.

Tuesday's itinerary. We have presentations. I want to thank the Commission for getting back with me to let me know about your lodging and whether or not you're available. Our current contractors are working, and our PR consultants are working to schedule interviews for you during this time. For those of you that are available, that will be a part of your itinerary sheet that you will receive. Before the event, hopefully, the goal is to get it to you Friday for those that take place on Tuesday and those that take place on Thursday that you will get it Monday. Once again for those events on Tuesday, you will get on Friday, the itinerary sheet. And for those that take place on Thursday, you will get it on Monday. The presentations, 4 to 4:30, PR consultants will be having a press conference, so we can in anticipation of the five or six o'clock news. The doors will open at 5 o'clock, and the public hearing takes place 6-9. And this is basically the schedule for every Tuesday of those dates as relates to the public hearings. For Thursday, all the Thursday dates once again you get the itinerary sheet on Monday, you'll have your presentations from 10 to 2, you have the press conference which will take place from 4

to 4:30. The doors will open at 4 o'clock. There'll be the weekly MICRC meeting, and then the public hearings will start from 6 to 9.

As it relates to public hearings, we have two things we're working with: Contracting the facility. I have done site visits and am familiar with each and every one of the 16 facilities that we have. And also working with AV contractors, and one of the things is that some facilities do not have existing relationships with AV contractors. And they're telling us it's our responsibility to recruit, and others you have to use their AV contractors, or you might get charged surplus if you bring them in. And we'll talk about later those that do not have facilities, AV contractors and the ones that stick out the most is Jackson, as in need of one, and we also have an issue with regards to Warren, and the Van Dyck Mortgage Convention Center Muskegon. I'm not sure where we are with Flint, they have someone but we're working on that as well, but for those that do not have it, and/or will not put it as part of the invoice. We need to address this to get a reasonable price for the AV contractors with these facilities, and we'll share and talk a little bit more about that later. Those are two things which drive the public hearings. The facility and the AV contractors.

At our public hearings will have a registration desk. Volunteer greeters from the community that will assist with the registration desk, contactless process, and entering names voluntarily for those at the public hearing as a precaution, just in case there is a COVID outbreak we have an opportunity to notify those that were there. And obviously do a press announcement as well if something were to take place and signage there that identifies what is going on, and mask requirements and make sure we have masks for those not able to have it. And also sign up for public comment. The sign-up for public comment at the registration desk for all of those that are in-person as you know that will end at 8 o'clock PM.

Last week there was a question about security, and want to let you know that paid security on staff will be available not just inside the building, but also in the parking lot as well, and then with regards to the technology, it will be available obviously in-person and remote, when we talk about "remote" we're talking about telephone, and we're also talking about virtual as in through Zoom. Sarah is really an expert on this, and very fortunate to have Sara and her team working with us at MDOS. And, Sara, any comment you would like to share at this time to the Commission I want to provide that opportunity.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sure, thank you. Hello Commissioners I'm really excited I will be attending each hearing of the MICRC to assist in facilitating the live stream and Zoom webinar of the event Each hearing will be broadcast in Zoom, and live on YouTube, and the Zoom meeting will look a lot like what it currently looks like now, except that instead of each commissioner joining from their own individual laptop, there will be one video feed in the Zoom meeting of the event itself, and that will be broadcast in the Zoom meeting and on the YouTube Livestream.

In the venue itself, there will be a screen projector that will display the Zoom meeting, as well as a monitor facing Commissioners so that they will also be able to view the meeting. And it will display ASL translators as well as closed captioning, and also display any virtually attending commissioners as well as virtual public comment, participants, or remote public comment participants during that portion of the meeting. The setup will allow for two-way communication, so that all virtual participants whether commissioner or public comment participants will be seen and heard, and you will be able to engage with them as well.

That's all I have, and thanks for allowing me to speak, and really look forward to assisting at these hearings and am happy to answer any questions.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Is there any questions for, Sarah, we want to give that opportunity to do so at this time. And I see our Chair is back. So any questions, please give the opportunity to do it. Because she's doing a lot behind the scenes to execute this meeting. Any questions for Sarah? I think Commissioner Rothhorn's hand is up.

>> Go ahead MC.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: When we met in Langsing, in the room it was hard to hear each other, because it was miked, and the two-way communication, can you assure me that we can hear each other in addition to everyone else.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely, Edward has been working with AV contractors to ensure that audio will be heard in the Zoom meeting and in the live stream as well as voices will be amplified during the meeting to hear each other, and there will not be interference between the two.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You're a wunderkind, thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Sarah. And Commissioner Rothorn, just so you know the AV specs for this were very detailed, and that's why the costs were up. The reason we want to get permission to negotiate is because the existing AV contractors are willing to give us comparable rates or less expensive rates for multiple facilities that do not have AV. And if you remember the bid, the motion that was approved before authorized our Executive Director to negotiate directly with the facilities, but that was mainly facilities with existing AV, those that do not have it, we need the permission to negotiate, and we're getting comparable rates, we're given the same as the at other facilities. Even less for a volume discount, and that would be the motion and it's coming before you a little bit later in this presentation, I am almost finished. And I want to get back to my shared screen.

And here are the locations in terms of where we are for the public, American One Event Center on Tuesday, May 11th. That will start at 6 o'clock. And Kalamazoo the Wings Events Center on Thursday, May 13. Now weekly meetings will start at 5 and public hearings will be at 6. Locations and dates, and the second, that's for the second round of public hearing, and public, the Commission is booking these venues for 1st and 2nd, to get the best rate possible for hosting multiple meetings at the same site, and at the

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Northern Center at Northern Michigan University. On Tuesday, May 18th. Once again that will start at six o'clock. We will be at Gaylord on Thursday, May 20. Once again that will start with the weekly Commission meeting at 5, and the public hearing at 6 will be at Treetops Resorts.

On Tuesday, May 25 we're at the Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center that will start Tuesday at 6 o'clock PM. And then in Lansing, we're at the Lansing center, that's the first and second round. The first round will be Thursday, May 27th. We'll start with our weekly MICRC meeting at 5 and the public hearing at 6. And Tuesday, June 1st at the Dort center. Flint. For the first round, that will start Tuesday at 6 o'clock PM. On Thursday, we'll be at Dearborn at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, that will take place on Thursday, June 3. Weekly meeting starting at 5, and the public hearing starting at 6.

On Tuesday, June 8th, we are at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. That will start once again at 6 o'clock PM. Thursday, June 10th, will be at Pontiac at the Center Point Marriott. That will start at 5 o'clock PM with the weekly meeting and the public hearing at 6 o'clock.

In Detroit will be at the Village Dome At Fellowship Chapel that will start Tuesday, June 15 and the meeting will start at 6 o'clock p.m. And then on Thursday, we'll be at the TCF Center formerly known as Cobo Hall on Thursday, June 17th with the weekly meeting starting at 5 and the public hearing starting at 6.

We will be at the Blue Water Convention Center on Tuesday, June 22nd which will start at 6 o'clock PM. And then on Thursday, we'll be in Warren, Michigan at the MRCC Banquet Center on June 24th, starting with the weekly meeting at 5 o'clock, and the public hearing at 6 o'clock. Then on Tuesday, June 29th, we'll be at Van Dyke Mortgage Convention Center in Muskegon that will start at 6 o'clock PM, and then we'll be at Grand Rapids on Thursday, July 1st at the DeVos Place Convention Center, starting at 5 o'clock with our weekly meeting, and 6 o'clock at for our public hearing. A motion that was sent to you earlier today, is to address the AV concerns at facilities they do not have a team or contractor on their staff. You received it in an email and I'll just read it into the record:

Resolve the Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission, MICRC, hereby grant the communications outreach director the authority to negotiate AV contract for public hearing facilities that do not have an AV team or contractor on staff and grant the Executive Director authority to execute such contracts in order to conduct the first round of MICRC public hearings in accordance with the policy for approval of expenses adopted on January 7, 2021, a resolution 2021, 0103, to the pursuant to the budget adopted on March 11, 2021, and resolution 2021 2-13. Madam Chairperson, I move towards adoption of this motion. By the MICRC.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will say so moved.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Dustin, with the motion, I think Doug is the second if I'm seeing that correctly.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I didn't second, I have a question.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Go ahead, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just for clarification. This money for the AV is already in the budget?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I think it was 320,000. I don't have it in front of me, and so no additional money being requested whatsoever.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Great.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Cynthia, do you have a question for Edward?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: At each of those locations is there free parking for the public?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We're negotiating on part of it. With regards to that for the most part, yes, there's free parking for the public. We have a couple of facilities that we're still negotiating that through.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward. So to return to that motion, by Dustin, and seconded by MC, or Rebecca, not sure. Whichever. I'm not picky. If we are going to approve and authorize the seeking of AV contractors for those public hearing facilities that are without an AV team. If you are okay with that authorization please signify with a raised hand.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And, Juanita, you can give a verbal vote.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And all those opposed.

Okay. So it has been approved that we will go ahead with that resolution to authorize AV contractors for those public hearing facilities that are without that option. And what I think you have something else for us, however, by my agenda we're up for a 10-minute break, if we would like to take that 10-minute break I propose we come back at 10:11. Everyone do what you need to do for 10 minutes, and then give Edward our attention when we return.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You're welcome.

[10-Minute Break]

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Welcome back, Commissioners. Richard, you have your hand raised. I don't know if that's intentional.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, that's intentional, I have a quick question for Mr. Woods when he comes back. Mr. Woods, I have a question, you know I'm up to something. I'm assuming we start at 10, so we'll all be at the venues.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You will be at your hotel, because some presentations will be virtual, and some will be in-person, and that's where we are. I do need to let the Commission know if we have interviews that could be at any time in terms of media



interviews. But we have our partners reaching out and the respective and surrounding communities to identify places for the Commission, as well as your staff to do presentations to draw people to the public hearing on that particular day.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And the other question is when we go to the venue, will we have a designated area to come in and a designated place to park.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Parking would be on your own and come in the main entrance, we are going to ask the Commission to come in an hour early. But no later than 30 minutes, just so we know anyone is there, and anything we need to explain or orientation, we'll let you know at this time.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

[Laughter]

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Janice, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You said we would be in our hotel, all the Tuesday ones, I'm coming up on Tuesday, and in order to be there at 10, and you usually can't check into a hotel room, I didn't ask you to reserve a hotel room for me before any of the Tuesday meetings and they're all after. And so I don't have a hotel room on Tuesday before the meeting.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We will work with you regards to identifying a spot, the venues are open to us, and so if you need to do something from the venue we can make that happen. Or if you're doing something in person, but we will make sure everyone has a spot that they can use, no matter what time they get in for the presentation.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Because I didn't plan being there at 10 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Janice for vocalizing that concern. Thank you Edward for addressing it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm in the same boat if you want to give me a call after the meeting or something.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Sure, thank you very much.

And please note Commissioners you have the right for refusal depending on travel for scheduling if you are unable to do the actual presentation, and your team is here to back up. We're all on the same team, and we've done that in the past and continue to do so. We're just trying to maximize our opportunity when we're in those areas.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other questions so far about what Edward has presented to us? Okay. So, Edward, I will give the floor back to you to continue on with your communication and outreach updates, looks like we're at media purchases to promote public hearings, and I wanted to give you a chance to talk a little bit about that.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you so much. Nod your head if you can see my screen. All right, so you know, this is part of the update, to share with you, in terms of the week in review. Goals, fairness, awareness, transparency, and education, and

ensure fairness to the redistricting process as you know, many people had questions with regards to reapportionment and what was where the Commission as relates to going from 14 to 13 congressional seats. And I share it doesn't change the mission. Our mission is to lead Michigan's redistricting process to assure Michigan's congressional State Senate, and State House District lines are drawn fairly in a citizen-led transparent process meeting constitutional mandates, and fairness still exists if it's 14, 15, 16, 13, or 12 seats. Just wanted to share that with you.

Awareness. Heightened awareness of the redistricting process, want to thank the Commissioners. Our statewide League of Women Voters is still doing outreach. And they're doing town hall forums, and a lot of you have participated in your local areas. This has received excellent media coverage, with regards to heightened awareness. I want to thank the League of Women Voters and their team for all that they're doing, and their point person on this project Sue Smith. Doing a tremendous job in coordinating and making things happen. Again thanks to the Commissioners, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Weiss, and Commissioner Lang participate in the American Legion Department of Michigan, that's going to be distributed to 17,000 people in Michigan and really wanted to thank them for the participation. We also have Flashpoint. This past week and want to thank Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Szetela, and Commissioner Clark for being a part of that on WdIV Channel 4. And want to thank Commissioner Eid for the Reddit that he did yesterday. So just want to share that with you, and then also yesterday, I had the opportunity to present to the Jackson County Clerk's Association with regards to the redistricting process.

So we're always looking for more statewide organizations with affiliate members across the state to ensure no communities of interest are left behind, and if you are a statewide organization, you want to be a part of, let us know, and give us an email and reach out to me, we can never have enough partners, and had another one reach out to me last week. And we're always, always, always, taking more partners and organizations that can help us to ensure that no communities of interest are left behind. If you're interested in getting updates about the Commission, or you want to know what's going on, go to our website [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc) and sign up for the alerts that you can get, sign up for the alerts you want if you want to be in the know, sign up for the alert you can get that information. When I look last week we had more than 4600 entities that have signed up for alerts as it relates to MICRC.

Transparency. What is going to happen with the new -- let's be clear, no maps have been drawn until we have the public hearing, we want to reiterate that no maps have been drawn, doesn't matter it went from 14 to 13 seats, it just doesn't matter at all. No maps have been drawn because according to our Constitution, we are required to have a minimum of 10 public hearings that we can share information about the redistricting process, and share the purpose of the Commission and solicit public feedback on the

upcoming hearings before we can draw any maps. We just want you to know the messaging that we're providing and how we're communicating that to the public as well.

Last but not least, we want to increase engagement in the redistricting process, we will have media and outreach kits available next week, media, and outreach kits available next week. With regards to the redistricting process, the outreach kits were mainly really focused on how people can identify and get communities of interest in terms of coming together. And what that means.

How to explain redistricting, we're finding out in some of the communities, people don't understand redistricting, they understand the census and they understand that if we're not if we're not counting 18,000 or whatever the number may be per year does not come into the community. But really trying to explain the redistricting at the grassroots level, and getting people engaged is really a point of both the media and outreach kits. We want to look at some paid media. And we also would like to look at some billboards. I sent information out next week, with regards to three organizations. And I want to put this on the screen at the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission approves direct media buys totaling up to \$60,000 from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, New Michigan Media, and the Michigan Press Association for promoting the first round of Republic hearings, just want to get people aware of the public hearings, to get people aware of the MICRC as well. And, Madam Chairperson, if we can get a motion to approve this at this time, I would be so grateful. And I want to reiterate this is in the communication of the outreach budget already approved by the MICRC.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward, for that clarification, and also I'm very proud of my peers and the work that we've been doing to bring the engagement awareness, and wanted to take that brief moment to reiterate before I listen out for a motion to approve the media -- or to vote to approve media buys to promote public hearings.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So moved by Steve. And Dustin. Want to make that clear for Julianne.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I just want to be clear, it's promoting awareness of the MICRC, and or the public hearings, just so that we're aware.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. All those in favor of the resolution as presented for media buys to promote public hearings, please signify with a raised hand.

Juanita, you can give your verbal indication for vote.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All those opposed. All right.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And as you know, the reason why awareness is important based upon our data that we received from the Glengarriff group that was commissioned, roughly only 25% are aware of the work of the Commission, so we really want to make sure we get that out there. So thank you very much.

My last information is that we want to -- hold on, I need to share the screen first.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Last information, I have three more pieces of information we need before you leave. It's fine you have fewer --

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Are you able to see my screen. The Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission approves the direct media buys for billboard advertising. There's three billboard advertisers in Michigan is Adams Outdoor Advertising, this Alomar group, and the Outfront group, and they cover the entire state, totaling up to \$60,000 for all three of them for promoting the first round of the MICRC public hearing and increasing the awareness of the Commission for promoting the first round of MICRC public hearings and or increasing awareness for the commission, we're looking at both the video boards as well as print, and once again this is up to \$60,000 for all three vendors combined. And once again, this money is included as a part of the \$400,000 approved by the Commission for the communications and outreach budget for the fiscal year 2021.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward. Do I have a motion on the floor?

>> So moved.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And seconded by Rhonda. Rhonda, You have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My question is where are the proposed billboard sites going to be?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Across the state. That's we have to go with all three. Not one vendor covers the entire state.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: How many are we looking at, that's pretty broad.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That will depend on the bids we receive, so we want to cover the entire state of Michigan, and so once we understand where our opportunities are. And then we'll go accordingly. Because, like for example, some will be print, that's a particular cost, and some are video, and we want to make sure the rural areas, suburban areas, and urban areas and all those are covered.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward. Dustin, do you have a question as well? No?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Or a statement. You have to remember, I don't really see a bunch of advertising here things on a billboard, most of them are taken, and I don't think they're going to construct any for us, and it's going to be systematically placed on availability, I would have to guess.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And the Commission will have to see where they're at with print ads and documentation, and we'll have all that available for the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'll make a motion.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was going to say for purposes of the record, I have Dustin making a recommendation, and Rebecca with a second. All those in favor of approving the direct buys for billboard advertising totaling up to 6,000 dollars -- 60,000 dollars,

excuse me. Sorry, tried to lowball you. I apologize. Please indicate with a raised hand, and Juanita you can give a verbal communication.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All those opposed?

And the resolution passes to approve the direct buys for billboard advertising if I'm keeping a correct count for votes. And lastly -- not lastly, maybe two more things, we have discussion of the event planner by Edward Woods still up.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Great, want to inform the Commission --

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sorry, Cynthia, do you have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a comment, can I put this in here? I just want to get this out there. I feel like -- I realize we need to get the word out. I feel like our main purpose is to listen to the public and draw the lines, and I feel we're spending all this time and money, just publicizing, and concerned we're going to run out of time or money, or whatever to do the actual work we're supposed to do. I don't know if anyone else feels that way. But I wanted to say that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I want to interject. The funds have already been approved. It's in the budget we approved for, for Edward to use, and so there is not any other money we need to be worrying about because we approved it already.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I understand that. We're spending all this time and energy on this.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah, I get that, if we approved the budget for him to use the funds we approved them for him, he should be able to use those funds without much question. He's the professional here on how to get the communications out to the public, and we need to make sure the public does know about it. These advertisements will make sure the people in those areas are going to be able to one: Know about it, and two: Come to our public meetings.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would like to step in. I think Cynthia -- I don't want to speak for you, so definitely wag your finger at me if you need to. I think you're expressing more of a sense of sentiment this process does feel like very nebulous and unclear, they were doing a lot of talking about the work but like what is it going to be what is it going to feel like and I would like to think -- I don't have the answer at all -- but I think maybe what you are experiencing you will get the fruits of the labor, when we're in public hearing, and connecting and hearing the thoughts, and then starting to actually dig in and thinking about think about what a map is going to look like. And I can relate to that, I like to dig my hands in and see results and start playing around and experimenting. But I think this is the process part, right? This is like the prep work for the amazing cake -- hopefully -- that we're in charge of cheffing. So that's what I can offer, it's not really an answer and that's why you said it was his statement, you're having a feeling about it, so I, you know, I think that's understandable, and that's what I can speak to. And I think Rebecca had a comment or anyone else.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I was just going to say, we know from the research that has been done that people aren't aware of -- half the people are aware of the law itself and less than 25%, or around 25% are aware of our Commission. And so we're not going to get good feedback if people don't even know what we're doing, and this is a necessity driven by lack of awareness, and, you know, to Dustin's point it is within the budget, and it just happens to be necessary for us to achieve our goal. We aren't going to get the feedback necessary to draw maps if nobody has any idea that we're holding public meetings.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, Rebecca. Yes, it's a leap of faith. It's still a bit of trial and error. We hope that we get folks out and talking and thinking about it. And, you know, watching us discuss here, those different urgencies created by this plan we're putting together for communications and outreach, and so I definitely respect you saying that I get it for sure. Rhonda?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Cynthia asked and I do have the same sentiment. So, Cynthia, I want you to know that you're not alone. I know sometimes it can be hard to express our opinions because we don't want to upset the rest of the group in any way shape or form or have them look differently at us. I do agree with you. My only deal with the billboards is how much information are they going to see going 75 miles an hour. Is it really truly going to get the awareness we want compared to media ads, or you know, online ads or things like that. Is it truly 60,000 a wise investment for that. And that's how I'm looking at it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, Rhonda, Juanita, did you have something you wanted to add?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, when I'm driving I always pay attention to the billboards, and they're very, very helpful and keep you informed in what is going on, or where things are located. And so I enjoy watching the billboards, and I do pay attention, and I don't always drive 75 miles an hour.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: [Laughter].

Well, I hope you are keeping up on the freeway Juanita, but what I mean there's a bit of psychology to the things that influence us. So I think the method here and I'm you know I'm not an Edward, I didn't go to school for that. Mental health, ask me those things, and Commissioner things, you can ask me now that I'm experiencing it. But if you titrate someone's senses. You see a little bit every day, every day, every day, every day, whether you go to McDonald's or not like you can describe and probably draw the golden arches, so I think the idea here is that we bombard them as well as, you know, empower and answer questions. That it's billboards, it's radio, it's WdiV, it's podcast, interviews, and then so all of a sudden, if nothing else you're at least googling redistricting, and you know you see our faces and you're interacting and in that way. So that's, that's what I can say. And just when Edward mentioned, I'm like, oh, those are the names at the bottom of the billboard, I did not realize I had seen these things. And

so, yeah, again, it's not perfect, but, I think there is a method behind the madness. I see Steve's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Marketing, we're marketing the merchandise, your product, we're marketing redistricting, our redistricting, so people are aware of what is going on, and when it's going to happen. You have to market, because people believe it or not, don't pay attention to too many things unless they hear or see it all the time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Juanita, please continue to chirp in, I can't see when you have a hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't understand what is going on with my computer, it is not doing anything hardly today.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That's okay, it happens to the best of all the time. Steve?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I just wanted to say that we should not be -- Rhonda or Cynthia or anyone else should not be reticent to voice an opinion. We're not all of the same opinions, and I certainly, and I don't feel any of the other Commissioners are going to feel adverse or untoward towards anybody who has expressed their opinion, and that's what we're here for, and don't hold back. You have a concern, let's hear it. And nobody is going to think ill of anybody that has concerns on this Commission, we're all here for one purpose. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree with Steve. I know for one thing when we were in school, in Wayne State University and did public relations and journalism all that goes with the communications that Edward has to do, the marketing part, and the putting out stuff, so people can read about us, and hear about us, and that's all part of his job and the things you learn in school to do. And so he's on the right track and doing a great job. And I know we're concerned about the money and everything, but this is what it takes, not only the MICRC, but the other companies and everything, they do the same thing, they get it out there on the news, on the billboards, everywhere. And that's how people learn about what's going on in the state or in their town. And so it's good. It's a good advertisement.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioners, and again, thank you Cynthia for raising the question, and Rhonda, thank you for echoing the sentiment, these are not just discussions we need to have, and that the public needs to see. We're invested. You care that they are interacting with us.

And so if no one else listened to us, today, please know that Cynthia is trying to make sure you are aware of our redistricting work, and we all want you to participate and be involved for sure. And I'm going to give the floor back to Edward on event planning, and so to stay on track, go ahead, Edward.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Once again Commission thank you for the support and feedback, and appreciate calls, the suggestions, and ideas, because a multimedia education campaign we're really trying to hit people two or three different times, and hearing your feedback, and concerns, help us refine our process, and find other ways to

communicate so no one is left behind. I don't care if it's a rural, urban, or suburban area, you need to hear about the work of the MICRC and the outstanding Commission that we have. And I want to support the Commission and thank each and everyone of you for your feedback, your emails, and messages to strengthen our overall plan.

And Kristen Taylor will be assisting us with the event, an event planner and coming out of communication and outreach budget and assisting with the first round of public hearings and managing the registration desk and ensuring the layout is done according to the contract, and working closely with me at each of the event hearings we have at this time, and just want you to know that she is on the contract under the 5,000 limit coming out of the communication and outreach budget and you will have to the opportunity meet her in Jackson on May 11th. And wanted to share that with you. Also, we need to share with you in light of the vote with the Good Fruit video in Jackson or Kalamazoo, or if you need to come in, we need you to come in that week to East Lansing to tape your portion of that video. And I want to reach out to you, and want you to be aware for planning purposes when you come to Jackson, or come to Kalamazoo we need you to stop at East Lansing to record your portion of both the commercial and the vignette, and I'll provide more information to you after I talked to the contractor tomorrow. And those are all my updates, thank you all so much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Edward, I see Doug you have a hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question regarding Kristen. The way you explained it, and the way I read it, on some of the emails that have come across, that her assignment will be dedicated to event planning. Why wouldn't we also put her in the role of project management coordinator, for example?

Next week the state is going to be rolling out the new software for public comment. And somehow we have to coordinate to people that we had an old way of doing it, and we now have this new way of doing it. And why couldn't she do those types of things as well? Her priority should be event planning at this point with what we're doing in the next two months and why can't we use her for other things as well?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: When we looked at the hours involved, Commissioner Clark, in terms of what's involved, it's not just the event planning is also getting the signage, and ancillary items that need to be taken care of and being true to the process, we only had enough hours allotted for that. Doesn't mean she wouldn't be able to help in other areas, but I do know we're working with MDOS staff with regards to the public comment aspect, and I'm not sure if Ms. Sally Marsh is in a position to talk about those things, but we did not combine it for those reasons because of the time allotted to not only execute the event for that but also in preparation for the event. She's booking the hotels in terms of assisting with the hotels, she's looking at signage, she's doing volunteer orientation.

There is just a lot behind the scenes, just to execute that to make sure that it runs smoothly and that was not part of the consideration with regards to that, However...



having said that, the public comment in addition to MDOS we do have our PR consultants working with regards to getting the word out and how that process will change as part of what they're doing in their contracts as well, and so between MDOS and MICRC and our PR consultants, I think we'll be able to address that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was really looking at past the next two months. Once we get past the 16 public hearings, are we still going to have her on staff to utilize?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Her contract would end after the first round of public hearings.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then pick her up again on the second round?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Possibly, depending on how she performs.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And she'll be dedicated to event planning and report to you? That's how it's set up?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Correct.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Rhonda.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Edward, I want to go back to the Good Fruit, you brought up the taping for the Commissioners and I noticed in the proposal they actually had what I thought was a neat idea of coming to the Commissioners in their hometowns, so people really get an eye of who we are and where they come from. Are you rolling out that? Are you saying that you are going with a different -- I don't know what you call it a different direction?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They did two, option A and B. Option A had the Commission coming to them, and option B had them going out to the Commission, or Commission coming to them, and it was a difference of 10,000 dollars, in order to cut the dollars because they wanted Commission to come to the commercial, and we thought it would be prudent, since we're paying for Commission travel anyway, to come to Jackson or Kalamazoo, that as a part of that stop when they're taping the commercial they would also do the vignette. So to address some of the things that you've mentioned, maybe we can look at background footage, we thought paying 10,000 additional for mileage and traveling crew would not be the most prudent way to go. Especially that we only had \$49,999.99 to work with.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: What would happen if somebody is not in Jackson or Kalamazoo?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They would just -- the Commission would pay the Commissioners mileage to go to the studio to record, similar to the same way we did the photos.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other questions for Edward? Dustin is that a hand? Okay. [Laughter]

So Edward I thank you for the extensive update and patience in fielding and answering all the questions, of course, if you have any more questions for Edward, he's always here for us to gently inquire with all our needs and concerns and thoughts and so again

you are appreciated. And we're going to move on to updates from the General Council, Julianne Pastula, who is going to talk about a remote meeting extension for May 6th. And I'm handing it over to you, Julianne.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Before the Commission is a resolution to conduct next week's Thursday meeting remotely, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. The evening of April 27 adopted the extension through May for the emergency declaration, and that would be the basis of holding the May 6 MICRC meeting remotely, and that is the resolution before you for your consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I moved the adoption of the resolution.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Steve, and seconded by Cynthia Orton, and all those in favor of us approving the continued electronic virtual MICRC meeting on May 6th, 2021, please give a show of hand, and Juanita you can give a verbal vote. And all those opposed the same sign.

All right, we approved the continued electronic resolution or electronic virtual MICRC meeting resolution.

And still the same person, procurement request for quote. Go ahead, Julianne.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much again, Madam Chair, what I have before the Commission this morning, is a request to obtain under the informal procurement process requiring three bids, a quote for a legal staffing agency, and the reason this is being offered is I do not believe I require or need either part-time or full-time support, and so going through a legal staffing agency, would enable project-based work to be done as needed, and invoiced upon completion.

The request would detail for the agencies the number of years in business, as well as the experience and hourly rates for their staffing, and these bids would come toward the Commission, and staff would conduct the review and make a recommendation. I did want to note the Executive Director, and I had spoken about reserving about the portion of the unencumbered budget for legal services. We just didn't have a need to formally amend the budget. And so again, there would be money available in the budget that is unencumbered for this, and that would be my request at this time. And I would also note that the RFP for litigation counsel should be coming before the Commission in the very near future. And this would be for paralegal or research or staffing support for me, and this is entirely separate from the litigation counsel, and depending on the firm chosen for litigation counsel it would in the future reduce the need for assistance from the legal staffing agency. So that was the ask and the resolution before the Commission today. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Julianne, I see that we have hands so I'm assuming there's some discussion about the resolution. I saw Steve's hand first and then Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Julianne is this anticipated this will be an attorney to do legal research, etc?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: That's an excellent question. I think it depends on what project I would need. So and that's another reason that I really thought that going with an agency would give the Commission the most flexibility, give me the most flexibility. I think it depends on the project. I think there are some things that I could have a paralegal do, and I put the rate request for an attorney there, but I wanted open depending on the project and need.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Julianne. Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I have a few questions on this. Or suggestions. I read through the memo that Julianne sent out. Or got sent out with the agenda, I would suggest, right now it says through December 31st. I suggest we do it through January 21st, to correspond with what we're asking for the Supreme Court to cover us for that time period.

And another suggestion would be that we allocate on a budget half of the amount that would be 24K for this fiscal year, and 24K for the next fiscal year, to divide it up that way from a budgeting standpoint.

And then, probably the most important point of the three, is that my opinion is we should not go to our unallocated funds in the budget and fund this. My opinion is that we should take -- we should approve this. I'm fully in favor of this and think it's an excellent idea and an excellent way to operate. I think we should reduce some of the budget money we allocated to other things, to offset what we're going to need for the legal assistance. I would like to get comments in particular from people on the third point.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Doug, any thoughts about the discussion that is happening right now? Cynthia?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree with Doug. Using part this fiscal year and part of it next, I think it is a great idea, and I really agree that we need this, and we need Julianne to have whatever support she needs. But we don't have a current budget so I'm wondering where we have that money, and like Doug said, probably has to come from something that we've already allocated because I believe we were pretty much used up. It would help if we had a current budget to look at.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Did you have a response to that?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a question to Doug. I'm in favor of this too. It's a great idea. Where would you suggest we start looking to cut funds from the budget amount currently out of curiosity, because I do agree with you, I feel that would be a good way to offset it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And to have rainy day money in case something else comes up. Where we need to spend money. I would tend to look -- let me get the budget quick -- I would tend to look at the areas that we have projected the biggest dollar amounts, and that would be -- we can't touch salaries of people, but -- that would be in the communications and outreach activity and -- sorry, Edward -- And... I think public hearing costs, technology, and security and

parking, and so forth. Those are the two biggest areas, and the last one was 320,000 and the first one I mentioned was 371,000. And so take 12 grand from each one. And I'm talking this fiscal year, but I would tend to go the same way for the next fiscal year as well.

And so to answer your question, Dustin, that's where I would personally look at it. And that still leaves us 160,000 of unallocated funds to utilize if other things come up. Julianne mentioned having another attorney at some point contracted, and that's not in the budget either as far as I can see. That's what I would suggest, Dustin, do you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That makes sense, but I would imagine that it would be much more prudent for us to have an updated budget before we make those decisions. And so because of that alone, I say we table this for the next meeting until we get a chance to look at the newly revised budget.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm fine with that. Julianne, are you going to go out for bids with this? I think if we're going to do that we can move forward -- at least that portion to understand it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: We would have the period open for seven days to obtain the bids, hopefully, more than three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then come back with dollar amounts to provide the service.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: They'll have the hourly billing rate we would be able to compare, to see if it's a paralegal -- There is legal research analyst I'm familiar with. Or as Commissioner Lett indicated if it would be in fact something that needs a licensed attorney.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would suggest, from what I've heard so far is that we proceed for that portion of it, and then table the discussion until we get that and to get all the information.

That's what I would suggest.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Anyone else have any other thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I agree with Doug wholeheartedly.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, we don't have enough information and don't want to sacrifice any other part of the budget in a way that is detrimental in the future.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I'd like to put forward the motion that we proceed in that manner that Julianne go out and get the dollar amounts, and then we table the motion until we get that information back and further discussion.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: One of the things I think Julianne is asking for is the flexibility to create a staffing agency. It feels to me like it's very difficult to get specific information on projects you can anticipate, but you're not certain what the level of expertise is until you sort of get into it. And so if it's an impossible task we're asking you with the motion or request that Doug just made, that's what I'm hoping you'll respond to.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Well, and I appreciate all the feedback and the questions. Certainly the relationship to the budget that will be identified next week at next week's meeting, I think it would almost be more prudent to just table this item, and bring it back as unfinished business next week. And proceed in that manner, rather than have posting, again it would be a drawdown contract so it would just be under that limit, you could use 5000 of it, 8000 of it, or 40,000 of it. So, again, I think it might be about the best course of action if the Commission would move this to unfinished business as an agenda item next week, and I don't know if the Executive Director wanted to weigh in. I certainly defer to her on the budget conversations. So...

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I will have a full reporting, I usually do this on a monthly basis, and the month ends tomorrow, and I will do a budget update for you, and we got a better sense from the consultants how we will be paying those out, and I'll have it all together for you next week.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, Sue, Julianne, Steve, I want to make sure I get your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Julianne, there is nothing preventing you from giving us the idea of what the various agencies would charge on an hourly basis. You've indicated you're familiar with some of them, and we could have information that says if we're going to use a paralegal it's going to be a range of hourly rates between this and this, and we're going to be an attorney, someone who just passed the bar, is going to be a little bit less than someone with 15 years experience, so I think that's the kind of information that we're looking for at least as a preliminary to our thought process.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I got my raise hand button now, I'm all excited to use it. Certainly, and then another option that the Commission could have, is we could get the hourly rate information, and the information under the bid and come back and bring it back for approval with the budget discussion at that time. I can take the contract term and the amount off of the contract and just do it as a request for information, what their rates would be and gain the information that we need that would also assist the Commission in making those budget determinations as an option.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I think I like the option to have a bit more open, but that's just my thought. Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Since it's a drawdown type of contract. Yeah, I don't know what the hourly rate is significant to our discussion on the budget money because we know we're going to be right around the \$49,000 over the two fiscal years. That's going to be a matter of choice who Julianne thinks is the best group to deal with at that point, but it's going to be the same dollar amount coming out of the budget, which is going to approach that \$49,000 Just a matter of how we want to do that and I fully support waiting until the having the discussion next week, that's fine. I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, Doug. And so it seems that we are in favor of tabling this part of the discussion. We need Julianne to clarify what she and Sue are bringing

to our attention for the next meeting, what actually we're going to be discussing regarding the legal staffing agency resolution, or discussion. Just making sure we all understand what the postponed discussion is going to be. Okay.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, my understanding -- I'll check the sites for rates -- and if there are agencies with rates available, I'll present that, and additional preliminary information about examples of projects or things of that nature to be responsive to Commissioner Lett's inquiry, and that would be the preliminary information from my end as I understand it.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: And I'll bring back a budget and look for ways to build this into the budget then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay. All right. Let me see.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, I did want to note that when we internally as staff talked about setting aside a portion of the budget for legal needs, the Executive Director did offer to amend the budget at that time, but there were no other amendments forthcoming, so we thought we would hold off. So the reason it's not in the budget is that when it was suggested, I thought without having a need for resources at that time, to bring that independent change up would be unnecessary. And so I appreciate the additional week to get the information needed.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay. Glad we're doing it this way, honestly. Are there any other updates? Doug, you do have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Back to Julianne. What are your thoughts on changing the contract term date to mirror what we asked in the Supreme Court?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I'm not opposed to that. And again, contract term dates can also be impacted or the use of this particular contract may be impacted by the firm that we retained for litigation counsel. What their rates are and the scope of services, so I'm not opposed to the January 31st contract end date.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me ask you a question about the litigation counsel. Is there an additional attorney firm that we're going to have to bring on board that is not in the budget now?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: That would be, I understand that is reflected in the next fiscal year's budget.

And, yes, that would be the litigation counsel to have retained prior to any of the legal challenges being filed or other matters.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, not somebody we would use in the process of doing the maps, but utilize them should we get confronted with legal action.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: That's correct, it would be for the legal challenges.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Julianne, did you have any other updates for us?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I did, Madam Chair. My other updates, -- I believe I would like to share my screen.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You are welcome to share your screen.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you, I have two items to provide updates on. One is apportionment data. And the other is the ADA question that was raised. So going to the apportionment data, just to recap, the census data releases expected are the apportionment data, which is the population counts for apportionment of the US House seats. The data was expected by April 30th, and I would like to acknowledge the Census Bureau did in fact release it on April 26th which is early. I know they're having quite a bit of criticism about the census delays, so I just wanted to note that they did release it early. The redistricting data the PL 94-171 data is the detailed redistricting counts per state legislative redistricting, which provides additional detail on where people live in their key demographic characteristics. We're expecting the legacy format on August, 16th and the PL 94 data expected by September 30th. Those dates have not changed. So I wanted to provide that background again, there are two sets of data that come into play for redistricting. So the apportionment, the Constitution requires that districts are redrawn every decade following the census, to ensure equal populations between the districts. There are a total of 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. All States are guaranteed one seat. The remaining 385 seats are distributed proportionally, based on the population of each state, and again under the US Constitution, each state has two senators.

So while the apportionment data impacts your congressional representation, it also impacts and translates to an increase or decrease in your electoral college votes, which is the number of the congression the districts plus two senators. Michigan currently has 16 Electoral College votes and we will be dropping to 15. I'm getting ahead of myself. The nationwide data for the United States has a total population of 331 million, representing a 7.4% increase since the 2010 census, I wanted to note that Utah has the largest population growth over the decade of 18.4%, West Virginia had the largest or the most significant population loss at 3.25%. Seven states that last a congressional district, I know. Director Woods noted earlier we're one of them, joined by California, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Predominantly Midwestern states in that six states gained one seat. Five states gained one seat: Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, and Oregon. And Texas gained two.

Going on to the Michigan data: We now have a total resident population of just over 10 million. It's the largest recorded since the 1910 census was taken, and represents a growth of 2% since the last census. In addition to almost 200,000 residents, while that does represent a population increase, it was not significant enough for us to retain our congressional seats. The overall apportionment population is again just over 10 million, that would include individuals living or stationed overseas. And this data will translate into approximately 775,000 people per new congressional district. Again we'll have 13

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Congressional districts based on the apportionment data released. The highest was after the 1970 census of 19 seats. And that would be the summary of my data -- not my data, but the census data, delivered on Monday. And that concludes my update on the Census apportionment.

The second topic I would like to cover is whether the ADA requires accommodation of physically disabled individuals to the front of the line for public comment. The Americans with Disabilities Act, as a civil rights law that was enacted in 1990. It prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs schools and transportation, and all public and private places open to the general public. Equal treatment is the fundamental purpose of the ADA. And people with disabilities must not be treated in a different or inferior manner. So the purpose of the laws to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. If a policy practice or procedure designed or adopted by a public entity which seems neutral makes it difficult or impossible for a person with a disability to participate, the ADA does require reasonable modification of those policies and procedures to enable participation. Examples of that would be if a city or county ordinance prohibited motorized devices on public sidewalks that would need to be modified in the ordinance for people with disabilities who use motorized mobility devices that can be used on sidewalks. If a person who is using crutches that would have difficulty waiting in a long line, The ADA does not require that person to move to the front of the line, the accommodation would be the provision of a chair, and note the place in line, so the place wouldn't be lost. The ADA does not require that a person be moved to the front of the line. And I would note that while it's not a requirement, it would be permissible, there would be potential difficulty in implementing in a fair and consistent manner at the meeting. And so that would be my report on the ADA subject, that it's not required to grant people with physical disabilities first place in line. And I also note the public hearings will have reserved seating for physically handicapped individuals, including those in wheelchairs, and that there'll be reserved seating by the translators for the individuals in need of that service as well. And I can respond to any questions, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, any questions for Julianne. Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Going back to the data, Julianne. Just a couple of points of interest, of things I read in the paper.

And I'm sorry, not the paper, online NPR is where I read it. And it indicated the Alabama lawsuit should that go the wrong direction, the Census Bureau says it's going to be delayed another time, probably, significantly a couple of months. And I don't have the details on the direction or whatever, and that's relative to the Alabama lawsuit.

The other thing that I read somewhere and I don't know where to quote it from, but they said that in the state of New York who lost a congressional district like us, had they had 89 votes go the other way, or 89 More people counted in the census, they would not



have lost their Congressional seat, and I thought that was pretty interesting to know. And I would guess, they're going to bring that up for a challenge that may be in the cards as well, and just thought I would bring that up for people's knowledge.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Doug. Julianne?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you, Commissioner Clark, those are excellent observations. And relative to the Alabama lawsuit that is litigation I'm currently monitoring, that has been moved to a three-judge panel and lawsuit proceeding and 16 states that have joined in that lawsuit, and that's continuing to be monitored and the effects, if that lawsuit is successful in regard to differential privacy, are not known. But I think the anticipated effects on the release date of the census is the clear possibility that it would be delayed again. In New York, 83 individuals, yes, I would think they might be challenging that. And I know Michigan, we gained -- we were about 200,000 off for not retaining our seat. And so, thank you for raising those.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Anything else for Julianne before we let her kind of fade away for her updates?

Okay, let's jump down to the end of this beautiful time. Future meetings and agenda items.

And I will give the floor to Sue.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom. And so for the next meeting, unfinished business we will have the legal staffing agency discussion continue. We will have a budget for you to look at, and hopefully, in collaboration, we can figure out the best path to follow on that.

And I would ask you what else you want to know or discuss prior to public hearings and in some respects, May 6th is kind of a bonus meeting, and weren't sure if we could hold virtually or not. And so since we can have this meeting, I want to make sure that we address anything else before we go to the public hearings.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Cynthia.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering if our 1-hour, Thursday meeting before our public hearings is going to be sufficient for what it is we need to discuss. If we have a discussion about, or if we're fine with it.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I would agree with you, it could be challenging. I think what will happen is staff pretty much as a plan of what needs to be discussed. And if we see a situation where it will take a two-hour meeting we can always amend a meeting notice. If we see a meeting that isn't needed and don't have any business to conduct, a meeting can be canceled with notice.

And so, again, we'll be watching it very closely, our goal is not to put forth a lot of business in the public hearings because we know that your focus needs to be solely on public hearings and we need to be aware and listen right alongside you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sue. Anyone else have something? MC go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I don't want to get too far ahead of us. So after these two months, starting in July when we have our deliberations, I'm wondering if the staff can give us a sort of a sketch. I know we're anticipating meeting six days a week. And I'm having a hard time understanding how that might look. As much as possible, how we are as a Commission, right? Going to deal with all the input that we're having. And I think I'm really asking this because my employer is trying to understand my time commitments and how much time between meetings. And if we're meeting six days a week, and so I'm asking -- don't want to get too far ahead because it may be too hard to predict if there is a way to look at that July through September or July through August, whatever that time period is, give a sketch that would be helpful. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, MC. I'm sure that would be helpful for a number of us, thanks for raising that.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay and basically just remember that it will take between July 1 and August 16th to even get the legacy data. So while there could be some mapping with the existing other data, we're not going to get census data until August 16th. And then it will take 7 -10 days probably for that to be tabulated because it's a raw data form.

And so I don't really anticipate our meetings getting so frequent until probably we get into September.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That's helpful right there, Suann, thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Anything else for, Suann? Suann, anything else for future meetings and agenda items otherwise?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We have a few things on our radar, and we'll keep plugging away, and bringing things forth to the Commission. And thank you for your many pages of reading and all the work you do to prepare for the meetings because you know the public may see you're showing up for a few hours and think, boy that's a really cushy job all they do show up a few hours a week and then they go home and show up the next week. And that's definitely not true. We're pushing out a lot of information in between you're reading, you're studying, you're reviewing things prior to meeting, so thank you for all your work and your commitment to the process.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sue, for the reinforcement, that feels good to hear. Any announcements for the good of the order?  
All right. Julianne?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Just very briefly, there was a request for information regarding the prison gerrymandering, so that's another item that I'm working on just for the benefit of the Commission of the public to know.

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>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, appreciate that. If there's nothing else for the good of the order, I would like to have a motion to adjourn today's meeting. Rhonda made the motion. Can I have a second? Dustin made the second. Sorry, it cut out. All those in favor of adjourning signify with the raised hand or wave. And all those opposed. All right, the meeting is adjourned at 11:21. I'll see everyone next week, have a beautiful weekend, and be safe and be well.