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Public Invited to Review Proposed Clinton County Reprecincting Plan

CLINTON, Iowa – Clinton County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Eric Van Lancker and County Supervisor Jill Davisson are hosting two public meetings to receive input on a plan to reduce the number of voting precincts in Clinton County.

The first meeting will take place in Grossman Hall in Delmar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on August 23. The second meeting is scheduled for August 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Conference B of the Clinton County Administration Building in Clinton.

The opportunity to reprecinct occurs following a decennial census. Davisson and Van Lancker believe reprecincting can provide efficiencies in the County's election process that could lead to potential savings for County taxpayers. Combining precincts is one way to take advantage of those efficiencies.

Precincts involved could include: Sharon/Lost Nation, Brookfield, Bloomfield/Delmar, Grant, Olive/Calamus, Welton/Welton, Washington, Eden/Low Moor, Camanche, Elk River/Andover and Hampshire.

Davisson is chairing a committee, with informational support from Van Lancker, of precinct election officials and political party representatives to determine the best recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to consider. Those recommendations will be presented at the public meetings in Delmar and Clinton.

The County will still need to conduct a formal public hearing to change the precinct descriptions in the County's code of ordinances. The County's reprecincting plan is due to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office by October 14, 2011.