

April 13, 2011

# Tazewell County Board to consider apportionment plan

PEKIN—The Tazewell County Board could decide as soon as April 27 how to apportion the County for County Board representation for the next 10 years. The County has scheduled public hearings to gather input regarding Board Chairman David Zimmerman's recommended plan on Wednesday, April 20, at 4 p.m. in the third floor Jury Room of the McKenzie Building, 11 S. Fourth St. in downtown Pekin, and also at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Justice Center Community Room, 101 South Capitol St., in downtown Pekin.

The County Board had a previous public hearing on March 30 to gather initial input. The public is also invited to submit comments via email to [survey@tazewell.com](mailto:survey@tazewell.com) or send comments to the Tazewell County Board Office, 11 S. Fourth St., Suite 432, Pekin, IL 61554. The County requests that those sending comments include their name and telephone number.

The existing district map, along with the recommended proposal for a new, three-district map, and alternate maps that may be among several discussed by the Board are available on the Tazewell County website (<http://www.tazewell.com>).

Under the recommended plan, District 1 would be comprised of the following townships: Pekin, Cincinnati, Spring Lake, Sand Prairie, Malone and Delavan. District 2 would include Groveland, Morton, Elm Grove, Tremont, Dillon and Hopedale townships. District 3, under Zimmerman's recommended proposal, would include Fondulac, Washington, Deer Creek, Mackinaw, Little Mackinaw, Boynton and Hittle townships. Under this proposal, District 1 would have a population of 44,922, while Districts 2 and 3

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would have total populations of 45,209 and 45,263, respectively.

Retaining the same apportionment plan as the County has maintained for the past decade is not appropriate because of population growth in District 3. Examining the apportionment of the County is required after each Decennial Census and must be approved by the County Board by July 28, 2011.

“The proposal properly balances the population among the three districts as required by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Illinois State law,” Zimmerman said. “It also follows township lines, which is required unless equal numbers can’t be achieved.”

The recommended map, along with existing map, are available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the County Board Office on the fourth floor of the McKenzie Building.

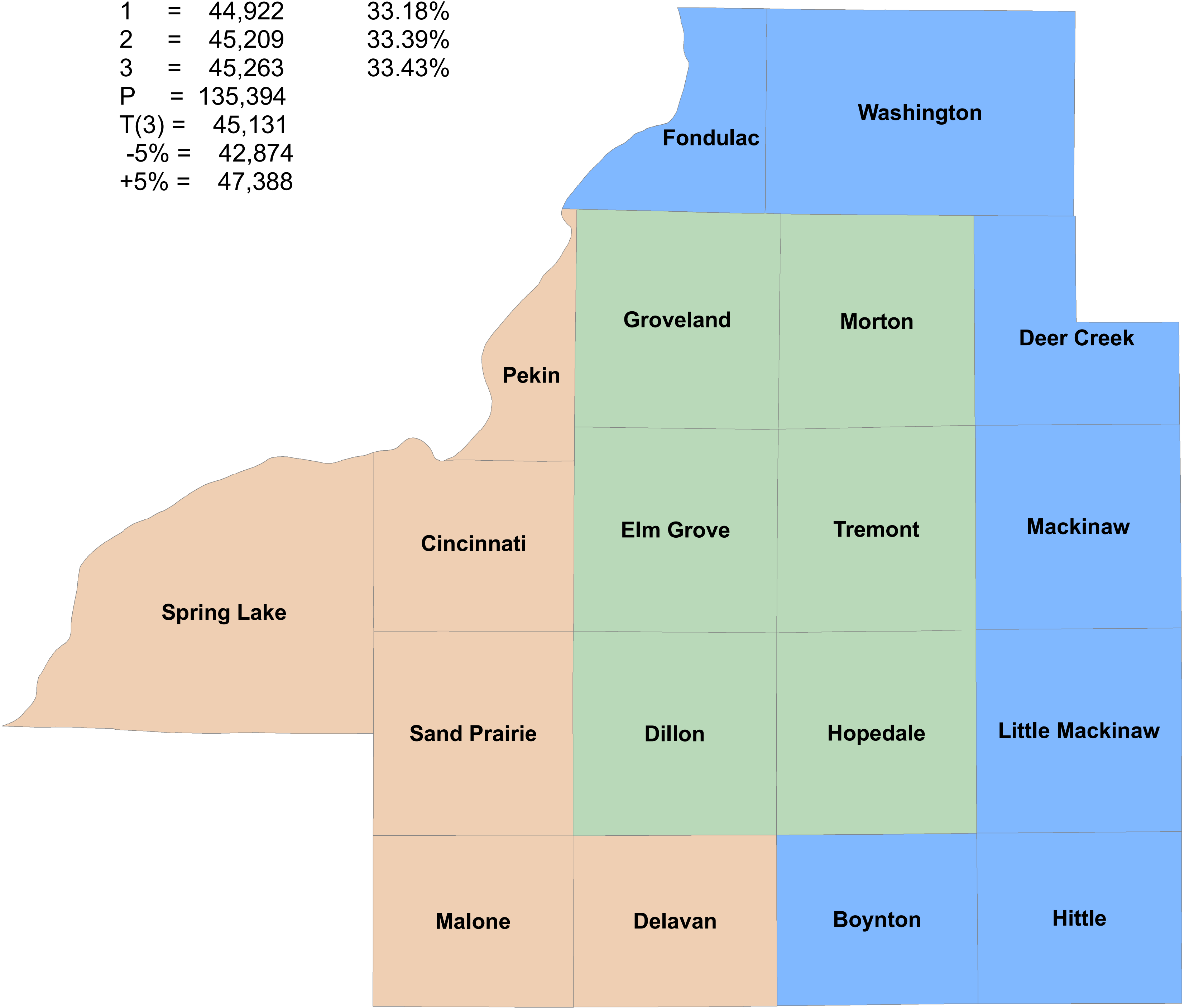
In addition to the district map, the County Board will also soon decide how many Board members will represent the County. There are currently 21 County Board members, with seven members serving in each of three existing districts.

Although State Law provides the Chairman the right to submit a recommended plan to the Board, the apportionment plan is approved with the advice and consent of the County Board. It is expected the Board will discuss the recommended plan and possibly other proposals at an April 20 Committee of the Whole meeting. Final action on an apportionment plan could come as soon as the April 27 County Board meeting. The County Board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Justice Center Community Room, 101 South Capitol St., in downtown Pekin.

# Tazewell County Board Districts

## April 11, 2011

Recommended		
1	=	44,922      33.18%
2	=	45,209      33.39%
3	=	45,263      33.43%
P	=	135,394
T(3)	=	45,131
-5%	=	42,874
+5%	=	47,388



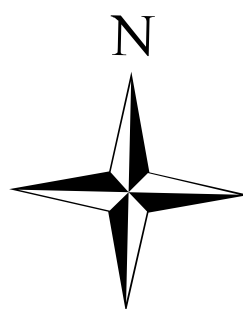
### Legend

#### Township\_Map

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#### NAME

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3



1 inch = 10,696 feet

Source: Tazewell County GIS