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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government  
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House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government  
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Dear Legislators:

Per PA 166 of 2020, section 617, we have attached the third quarter report of all expenditures related to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. In addition, we provided a detailed description of quarterly activities to implement Section 6 of Article IV of the Michigan State Constitution.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please get in touch with me at 517-331-6309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Woods III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Edward Woods III  
Executive Director

Cc: Kathryn Summers, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mary Ann Cleary, House Fiscal Agency  
Chris Harkins, State Budget Director



## FY 21 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER EXPENDITURES

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Travel	\$32,366.97
Facilities, AV, Security	\$138,555.54
Telecommunications	\$1,482.85
Technology/Internal Purchases thru State	\$332.98
Staff Salaries	\$130,744.65
Promotional Outreach/Advertising	\$161,741.55
Consultants-Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel	\$6,693.75
Commissioner Salaries	\$228,285.20
General Administrative	\$5,912.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$706,115.88</b>

## FY 21 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER ACTIVITIES

- Heard from two vendors and selected one to fulfill the line drawing and redistricting technical services contract.
- Authorize legal action to address the impact of the delay in releasing the 2020 Census data to the MICRC. Authorized market research contract.
- Approved public hearing locations for the first and second rounds. Commission approved the new logo by consensus with new color options. Approved the updated FY 21 Budget.
- Approved Appendix B to the line drawing and redistricting technical services contract to include a racially polarized voting analyst. Approved the colors of purple and orange for the MICRC logo. Presentation on Communities of Interest. Commission elected a new chair and vice-chair. Approved Sunshine Resolution reaffirming its commitment to transparency and open government principles.
- Approved an extension of the redistricting process deadline due to the census delay for 72 days after receipt of Census data on Sept. 30, 2021. Approved to start public hearings at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on those days. Training on map drawing in Ohio. Approved job posting for Executive Assistant. Approved MICRC Strategic Plan.
- Reviewed proposals and recommended two vendors to the Commission for the Voting Rights Legal Counsel.
- Approved the revised Public Hearing schedule. Approved the extension of virtual meetings due to Covid-19 through Apr. 30, 2021. Held training on mapping



practice using Ohio maps. Approved bringing one vendor for consideration for the Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel.

- Interviewed and approved vendor to extend the Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel contract. Approved revised Public Hearing Schedule and Locations. Approved issuance of bid requests for promotional consultants. Authorize Executive Director to execute contracts for remote and hybrid meeting policies and procedures. Adopt policy and procedures for reporting damaged, malfunctioning, lost or stolen state-issued equipment.
- Approved issuing bids for Video Production Services. Approved MICRC using its best efforts to release the preliminary and final plans a corresponding number of days from the date the Census data is received in advance of Sept. 30 to the request for relief in the petition to the Michigan Supreme Court. Approved the Communications and Outreach plan. Presentation of a statewide survey result about Michigan's redistricting process for market research.
- Approved offering promotional contracts for the Southeast Michigan Media market and another for the Michigan media market, except Southeast Michigan. Approved hosting weekly meetings on college campuses in September to hear from young people.
- Update on the public comment portal. Discussion and approval on Receiving Public Comment at Public Hearings, Commissioner Engagement with Individuals Making Public Comment, Live Public Comment Guidelines documents. Presentation on Communities of Interest. Discussed video production services bid.
- Approved Video Production Services contract. Granted authority for negotiations and execution of audio-visual contracts for Public Hearings. Approved direct media buys to promote public hearings. Approved direct media buys for billboard advertising. Approved extending virtual meetings through May 6, 2021.
- Approved requesting MDOS Staff to contact previous individuals who gave public comments on mapping or Communities of Interest to encourage the use of the public comment portal. Approved issuing of bids for a legal staffing agency. Approved Emergency Procurement for audio-visual for Jackson Public Hearing. Authorized the Executive Director to execute AV contract for Muskegon Public Hearing. Authorized the Executive Director to execute AV contracts for the Flint, Warren, and Dearborn Public Hearings. Approved revision to the Communications and Outreach Plan. Approved Conflict of Interest policy. Approved issuing a request for proposals for Litigation Counsel. Approved a Committee to review RFPs for Litigation Counsel. Approved revised budget for FY 21. Approved discharging Consultant Procurement Committee. Canceled the May 13 meeting.
- Held a public hearing in Jackson and heard 72 public comments for three hours and sixteen minutes.



- Held a public hearing in Kalamazoo and heard 74 public comments for three hours.
- Held a public hearing in Marquette and heard 26 public comments for two hours and one minute.
- Discussed and tabled how to collect addresses on the public comment portal.
- Held a public hearing in Gaylord and heard 31 public comments for one hour and forty-one minutes.
- Held a public hearing in Midland and heard 72 public comments for two hours and forty-seven minutes.
- Approved hiring an Executive Assistant. Approved waiving a conflict of interest to members of the Department of Attorney General in the Michigan Supreme Court order dated May 20, 2021.
- Held a public hearing in Lansing and heard 64 public comments for two hours and forty-five minutes.
- Held a public hearing in Flint and heard 72 public comments for three hours and sixteen minutes.
- Changed the time of regular commission meetings and public hearings and amended time for public comment sign-up deadline effective Jun. 10. Authorized Communications and Outreach Director to set up meetings in Southwest and Northwest Michigan
- Held a public hearing in Dearborn and heard 64 public comments for two hours and eleven minutes.
- Held a public hearing in Novi and heard 64 public comments for two hours and thirty minutes.
- Discussed and approved forming a process committee to determine how to work with EDS and Federal Compliance. Presentation on the data elements of redistricting.
- Held a public hearing in Pontiac and heard 61 public comments for two hours and twenty-three minutes.
- Presentation and discussion on Redistricting & Race: The Voting Rights Act & U.S. Constitution for the MICRC. Approved adding Commissioner Clark to the Process Committee.
- Held a public hearing in Detroit and heard 51 public comments for two hours and eighteen minutes.
- Presentation continued on the Data Elements of Redistricting, focusing on the First Quadrant of the Data Cube and then presented on the Second Quadrant of the Data Cube.
- Held a public hearing in Detroit and heard 77 public comments for two hours and fifty-five minutes.
- Presentation continued on the Data Elements of Redistricting, focusing on the Second Quadrant of the Data Code. Discussion and analysis of public comments



from the first round of public hearings. Discussion on fairness and decision-making.

- Held a public hearing in Port Huron and heard 45 public comments for two hours and seventeen minutes.
- Presentation on Data and Map-Drawing and Determining if a Redistricting Plan Complies with the Voting Rights Act. Presentation on Heat Maps to identify the location of public comments
- Held a public hearing in Warren and heard 86 public comments for three hours and four minutes.
- Committee purpose: Provide recommendations to the Commission for approval on the process of producing maps. Recommend to the Commission to draw new maps while utilizing existing data for comparison purposes.] and adopt a regional approach to drawing, beginning with the State Senate districts.
- Presentation on racial data for redistricting. Recommend Commission grant two hours of training from the Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel. MICRC and MDOS staff document significant changes separate from the meeting minutes and store them in a repository for future use. Recommend to the Commission that it produces two sets of maps, one created from scratch and one using district lines on the current map adjusted for Communities of Interest and prominent gerrymandering places. Recommend to the Commission that it utilizes the MICRC redistricting process flowchart draft, as amended, as a starting point for the redistricting process.
- Approved reissuing and reposting of requests for proposals for Litigation Counsel. Presentation continued on the data elements in redistricting, including racial and political data. Adopted the MICRC organizational chart.
- Held a public hearing in Muskegon and heard 65 public comments for two hours and thirty-four minutes.
- Approved proposing maps drawn from scratch while using existing data for comparison purposes. Approved dividing the State of Michigan into regions to facilitate the drawing of district lines. Approved starting the mapping process with the 38 State Senate districts. Approved the method for documentation of the redistricting process and instructed MICRC and MDOS staff to document the rationale for significant changes as part of and separate from the meeting minutes and store the rationale documentation of substantial changes in a separate heading on the MICRC website. Approved two hours of training on the Voting Rights Act and Constitutional Criteria and one hour of training on Partisan Fairness. Approved utilizing the MICRC Redistricting Process Flowchart as a starting point for the redistricting process. Approved disbanding the Process Committee.

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For additional details regarding the Commission's work this quarter, please visit the MICRC website to view meeting notices and materials at [Meeting Notices & Materials Archives \(michigan.gov\)](#) or watch their meetings on [MICRC - YouTube](#).