

## Melinda Lemons

---

**To:** Kristi M. Stahr; Josh Bridges; kristimc25@gmail.com  
**Cc:** PCEC Mail; sinman@votepulaski.net; susaninman14@gmail.com; David Scott; Leslie Bellamy; Raynetta Hansberry; Kenneth Burleson; Shantell McGraw  
**Subject:** RE: Concerning Redistricting

**From:** Kristi M. Stahr <kristi.stahr@votepulaski.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Josh Bridges <josh.bridges@sos.arkansas.gov>; kristimc25@gmail.com  
**Cc:** PCEC Mail <pcec@votepulaski.net>; Melinda Lemons <mlemons@votepulaski.net>; sinman@votepulaski.net; susaninman14@gmail.com; David Scott <dscott@votepulaski.net>; Leslie Bellamy <leslie.bellamy@sos.arkansas.gov>; Raynetta Hansberry <raynetta.hansberry@sos.arkansas.gov>; Kenneth Burleson <kenneth.burleson@sos.arkansas.gov>; Shantell McGraw <shantell.mcgraw@sos.arkansas.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Concerning Redistricting

Good afternoon Josh,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful email. I understand the scheduling conflict; it was short notice on our part.

Unfortunately, CBECs are largely voluntary entities that are legally tasked with the administration of elections and the apportionment of Quorum Court Districts.

While the SOS Office typically works with elected officials who operate based on county hours, many of us have day jobs. In addition, we want to ensure the public is able to attend all meetings of the Board.

We will discuss the logistics of option one (the free software) at tonight's meeting. We will make sure to contact you tomorrow with the Board's decision and potential next steps if applicable. Again, thank you for assistance in this matter.

Thank you,  
Kristi

Kristi M. Stahr  
Chairwoman  
Pulaski County Board of Election Commissioners  
[www.votepulaski.net](http://www.votepulaski.net)

---

**From:** Josh Bridges <[josh.bridges@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:josh.bridges@sos.arkansas.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** Kristi M. Stahr <[kristi.stahr@votepulaski.net](mailto:kristi.stahr@votepulaski.net)>; [kristimc25@gmail.com](mailto:kristimc25@gmail.com) <[kristimc25@gmail.com](mailto:kristimc25@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** PCEC Mail <[pcec@votepulaski.net](mailto:pcec@votepulaski.net)>; Melinda Lemons <[mlemons@votepulaski.net](mailto:mlemons@votepulaski.net)>; [sinman@votepulaski.net](mailto:sinman@votepulaski.net) <[sinman@votepulaski.net](mailto:sinman@votepulaski.net)>; [susaninman14@gmail.com](mailto:susaninman14@gmail.com) <[susaninman14@gmail.com](mailto:susaninman14@gmail.com)>; David Scott <[dscott@votepulaski.net](mailto:dscott@votepulaski.net)>; Leslie Bellamy <[leslie.bellamy@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:leslie.bellamy@sos.arkansas.gov)>; Raynetta Hansberry <[raynetta.hansberry@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:raynetta.hansberry@sos.arkansas.gov)>; Kenneth Burleson <[kenneth.burleson@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:kenneth.burleson@sos.arkansas.gov)>; Shantell McGraw

<[shantell.mcgraw@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:shantell.mcgraw@sos.arkansas.gov)>

**Subject:** Concerning Redistricting

Good Afternoon Kristi,

Just to follow up on the ongoing discussions concerning redistricting in Pulaski County, I wanted to reach out and apologize for not being able to attend the election commission meeting tonight.

However, this training session would need to take place during regular office hours, Monday-Friday 7:30 – 4:30. Given the amount of other entities that I am assisting with this software (in addition to my regular day-to-day tasks), I cannot commit to training or assisting outside of those hours in order to keep our office's involvement fair, nonpartisan, and evenly balanced for all entities.

As you and I had previously discussed over the phone, I agreed to train anyone of the commission's choosing on the redistricting software that our office is providing as soon as possible. You mentioned the possibility of training some of your staff, which I am open to as well. If that is still a possibility, I am happy to oblige.

While I understand that the PCEC needs to make a decision as to what to do concerning how they wish to proceed with redistricting, keep in mind that there are no deadlines or timelines for the completion of this process. As soon as we learned that the census data was going to be delayed, we immediately began advising all entities that they must complete their work as quickly and as efficiently as they can, as soon as the data became available. The most important "deadline" is allowing enough time for the county clerk's office to make all of the necessary changes in the voter registration database.

Just as a reminder, this software is being provided as a courtesy and offered free of charge. The original intention of this software was to assist counties, school districts, and cities that have not been able to secure an actual vendor up to this point. In addition to that, our office is absolutely committed to all entities involved in redistricting. We have continuously fielded phone calls from local jurisdictions, provided information, and worked closely with the Arkansas GIS office to make this process as smooth as possible.

If Pulaski County wishes to use the MyDistricting software, the link and login credentials can be found below. If I can be of any further assistance on this, please let me know.

~~<https://mydistricting.arkansas.gov/mydistricting/pulaski>~~

Regards,

Josh Bridges  
Arkansas Secretary of State  
Election Systems Analyst  
Phone: 501-682-3419  
Cell: 501-414-1656  
Fax: 501-682-3408  
E-mail: [josh.bridges@sos.arkansas.gov](mailto:josh.bridges@sos.arkansas.gov)

Follow us on:

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#)