

At the previous McKinley County Commissioners meeting on Nov. 16, commissioners put some voting items on hold due to a need for more information. But on Nov. 30, they were ready to vote on the 2021 district boundaries and the wireless tower ordinance.

On Nov. 16, the commissioners asked McKinley County Bureau of Elections Manager Marlene Custer if they could see a map with precise district boundaries.

Custer returned with a map detailing what the current districts look like and Plan D, the proposal that represented the smallest overall change.

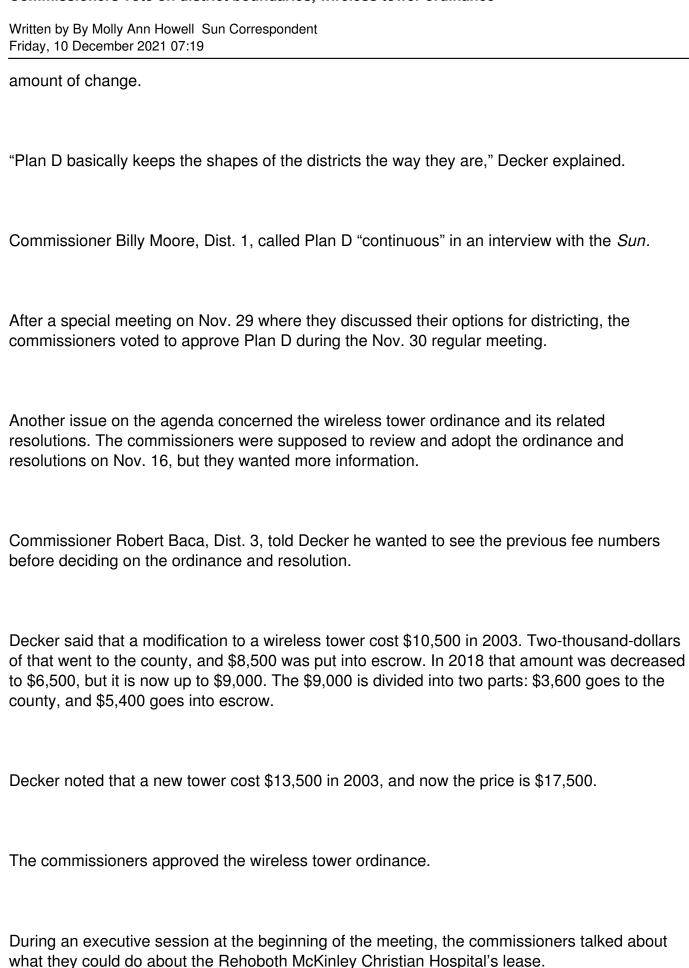
According to documents presented at the meeting, Plan D has District 1 adding Precinct 19 (Church Rock, population 1,857) and Precinct 23 (Pinedale, population 1,580) from District 2.

With the new plan, District 2 adds Precinct 2 (Navajo Estates Fire Station, population 618) and Precinct 20 (Rock Springs, population 1,667) from District 1. It will also include Precinct 36 (White Cliffs Fire Station, population 491) from District 3.

District 3 will take Precinct 58 (McKinley West Fires Station, population 1,203) from District 2.

In an interview with the Sun, McKinley County Attorney Doug Decker said Plan D had the least

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Although it was a closed session, Decker later explained that the commissioners could ultimately decide to amend or even terminate the county's lease with the hospital. He stated that the commissioners would continue to discuss the issue and that all the discussions would be held in executive sessions until they are ready to vote on it.

The next commissioner's meeting will be on Dec. 14.

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