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Press Release

Troup County Commission Updates Districts for Final

Recognizes 14% increase in population since 2000

LaGrange, GA, July 26, 2011:

Since the 2000 census population survey was conducted, the Troup County's population has increased from 58,779 to 67,044, a 14% increase. This increase also saw a shift in populations among the commissioners' districts. Redistricting happens at every level of government every ten years following the nationwide Census. According to Brian Knight with Georgia's Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office, each County Commissioner district is required to be within one percent of population from one another.

Because of Troup's population growth, each of the districts had some population shift and no longer met the required standard. Districts 2 (Commissioner Buck Davis) and 5 (Commissioner Richard English) had the most notable deviations. All districts – except District 1 which is county-wide – needed adjustment to balance their populations. Districts are drawn along Census Blocks, the smallest geographic area studied by the Census.

The Troup County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously at their regular meeting Tuesday morning to redraw the district boundaries allocating the county's newly acquired population evenly among each district. There was no opposition voiced. The new district map is available for viewing on Troup County's website, www.troupcountyga.org, or at the County Government Center at 100 Ridley Ave in LaGrange. The new boundaries must be approved by both the Georgia Legislature and the United States Justice Department to become permanent.

The updated commissioners' boundaries represent a more balanced allocation of Troup County's population. Having gained population since 2000, Districts 2, 3 and 4 all lost a number of constituents, while District 5 gained a considerable amount. District 5 gained over 3,000 new constituents to balance the district's population loss. The new district population numbers are: District 2 with 16,831 includes

Hogansville, District 3 at 16,628 includes West Point, District 4 at 16,763 and District 5 having 16,822 constituents divides LaGrange. [ATTACHMENTS]

About Troup County, Georgia

Troup County is a great place to live, work and play. Situated with great transportation access on I-85 between Atlanta and Montgomery with Columbus just down I-185, the area is ideal for regional business. Kia Motors thought so and opened its first North American plant here. The County has implemented smart growth development guidelines and is also working to attract 'green industry'. Three beautiful towns – Hogansville, West Point and LaGrange, the county seat - offer great hometowns for families. The 26,000 square mile West Point Lake and beautiful parks round out an idyllic lifestyle for Troup County residents and our welcomed guests.