

ORDINANCE 2011 - 06

An Ordinance Establishing the Monroe County Women's Commission

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status of Women has been a noble and worthwhile body advancing the status of women and championing women's contributions to local culture and society; and

WHEREAS, a Monroe County Commission on Woman's Issues will be able to expand the scope and reach of the City of Bloomington's commissions' efforts by augmenting its research capabilities, resources, outreach, and insight; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana that a new Chapter 230 entitled Women's Commission be added to the Monroe County Code to read as follows:

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

225-1. Creation

There is hereby established the Monroe County Women's Commission pursuant to Monroe County's Home Rule Authority (IC 36-1-3).

225-2. Membership and Terms

(A) The Commission shall have up to eleven (11) members who shall serve for a terms of one (1) year beginning on February 1st of their year of appointment and ending January 31st of the following year. Members shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Four (4) citizen members chosen by the County Board of Commissioners, residing in geographically separate areas of Monroe County from other citizen members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, with no more than one (1) member residing within the corporate limits of the City of Bloomington.

(2) Three (3) citizen members chosen by the County Council, residing in geographically separate areas of Monroe County from other citizen members appointed by the County Council, with no more than one (1) member residing within the City limits of the City of Bloomington.

(3) One ex-officio non-voting member from the County Board of Commissioners or an employee of Monroe County chosen by the Board of Commissioners.

(4) One ex-officio non-voting member from the County Council or an employee of Monroe County chosen by the County Council.

(5) One member from the City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women, as chosen by that Commission.

(6) One member representing Indiana University chosen by the Director of the University's Office for Women's Affairs.

(B) Members may be removed by the authority that appointed them for any reason. The secretary of the Commission shall notify the appointing authority of any member that misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings.

(C) Members may continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

225-3. Officers

At the initial meeting of the Commission, members shall elect a president, vice-president and secretary who shall serve until the February following their election and the election of their successor.

225-4. Meetings

(A) A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall be a quorum. A meeting of the Commission shall not take place without a quorum present. Decisions of the Commission shall be made by a majority vote of those voting members present at a meeting of the Commission.

(B) The Commission shall establish a regular monthly meeting date. Regular meetings may be cancelled and special meeting called by either the president or vice president of the Commission. Notice of all meetings shall be provided in compliance with the Open Door Law.

(C) The secretary of the Commission shall prepare minutes of all Commission meetings which minutes shall be provided to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners immediately after their adoption by the Commission.

225-5. Duties

(A) The Commission shall serve in an advisory role to assist residents, businesses, and the government of Monroe County in addressing issues of gender inequity in all aspects of society, including government, the economy, education, employment, social and family development, healthcare, the justice system, the arts, as well as land use and planning. The Commission may conduct research and disseminate information. The Commission may undertake specific initiatives assigned to it by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and/or the Monroe County Council.

(B) The Commission may seek approval from the Monroe County Board of Commissioners to undertake other duties and may proceed to perform such duties when specifically directed to do so by the Board of Commissioners.

225-6. Funding

The Commission may request funding for its functions if and when the Monroe County Board of Commissioners specifically authorizes the Commission to seek funding.

225-7. Reports

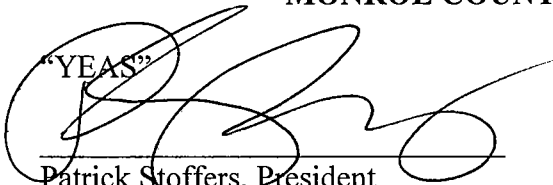
(A) On or before January 31 of each year, the Commission shall file report, of its activities and expenditures for the prior calendar year, with both the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and the Monroe County Council.

(B) Prior to undertaking any activities that could substantially affect the operations of Monroe County government the Commission shall report the activity to and obtain the approval of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.


Adopted this 9th ^{April} day of ~~March~~, 2011.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

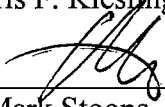
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ATTEST: 9th ^{April} ~~March~~, 2011



Amy Gerstman, Monroe County Auditor