

**MEETING OF THE MONROE COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Assessor's Meeting Room

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
 - a. With a Quorum Present the meeting was called to order.
 - b. Members present were: Sharon Ackerman, Byron Bangert, Birk Billingsley, Doris Parlette, and Chris Snell
2. Welcome and Introductions.
 - a. New Commission member, Chris Snell, was welcomed to the Commission and introductions were made.
3. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Old Business
 - a. The Commission was informed by County Attorney Margie Rice that a draft of amendments to the Monroe County Code would be available at the June 2016 meeting.
 - b. The Commission was informed that Jeff Cockerill asked Talisha Coppock of the Convention Center for the number of restaurants in the County, but we are still waiting on the answer. The list should be available for discussion at the June 2016 meeting.
 - c. A discussion of the Fair Labor Initiative and the City of Bloomington Human Rights Commissions actions were discussed as a way of providing history and context for both new and old Commission members. Possible action by the Monroe County Human Rights Commission was discussed, including the time commitment involved. The question of whether or not the Commission wanted to follow the City's lead was posed. After discussion, the Commission agreed to put off making a decision until the list of restaurants was received and could be discussed.
 - d. A brief discussion of the impact of the changes to the Department of Labor's overtime rules was held.
 - e. The Commission discussed assisting the City of Bloomington's Commission with purchasing bracelets for the Fourth of July Parade. A budget

of \$250 is available through the Monroe County Board of Commissioners' budget; therefore, the Commission decided to buy the bracelets.

5. New Business

a. The Commission asked if any new complaints had been filed and was informed that no complaints had been received so far in 2016.

b. The Commission discussed an event to be held by the City of Bloomington Commission to inform and empower Hispanic and Latino voters, and expressed interest in participating in the event.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.