

MEETING OF THE MONROE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Assessor Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
 - a. With a Quorum Present the meeting was called to order
2. Election of Officers—All Officers were approved Unanimously
 - a. President-Birk Billingsly
 - b. Doris Parlette, Vice President
 - c. Sharon Ackerman, Secretary
3. Meeting Schedule for 2016.
 - a. The 4th Wednesday of the Month was approved.
4. Old Business. Discussion with Public regarding the Human Rights Commission, discussing past Domestic Violence research. Sarah Cahillane with the Indiana Recovery Alliance indicated that she would be willing to discuss how her agency deals with Human Rights issues. Also, discussed food as a human right.
5. New Business
 - a. Fair Labor Initiative. Byron gave an overview on the City HRC's initiative. Essentially, the initiative requests businesses to affirm that they comply with the fair labor laws, including tips, worker comp, and back pay issues. This project is labor intensive and the HRC wished to know how many restaurants lie in the County's jurisdiction to determine feasibility of the County HRC pursuing this issue.
 - b. Amending the County Human Rights Ordinance to mirror the City's in coverage. The City of Bloomington added Veteran Status and Home Status to its Ordinance. The HRC recommends the County Commissioners to make this change, 4-0.

6. Adjournment