

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:00 PM  
Assessor 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, William R. Morris, Jr., and Doris Parlette
  
2. Old Business.
  - a. 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. Discussion was held on whether the County should utilize the same symbol as the City uses or create their own symbol for those restaurants that comply with labor laws, and serve patrons equally and without prejudice. Additional conversation took place about solicitation of restaurants, whether or not the Commission should use the advertisement in Bloom Magazine as an incentive, and listing of the restaurants on the County's website.
  - b. Confirmation of the amendments to the County Human Rights Ordinance that the Commission wants in order to mirror the City's Ordinance were discussed. The City of Bloomington added Veteran Status and Home Status to its Ordinance. A draft ordinance will need to be developed and approved by the County Commissioners.
  - c. A discussion of "Healthy Cities" was led by William R. Morris, Jr., which touched on how discriminatory practices and policies have long-term consequences, affecting income and health statistics. The Commission agreed this was a complex topic that should be further discussed at future meetings.
  - d. Participation in the 4th of July Parade with the City of Bloomington was suggested. A discussion was held regarding a possible budget to help the City with bracelets or costs.
  - e. A brief conversation was held on voter literacy and getting the vote out among certain populations, including the Latino community and people with disabilities.
  - f. The possibility of the Commissioners filling a vacancy on the Human Rights' Commission was discussed.
  
3. The meeting was adjourned.