

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Call to Order:
Members present were: Byron Bangert, Darcie Fawcett, Doris Parlette, Kathleen Sideli, and Paul White. Staff present: Margie Rice, County Attorney.
2. Old Business:
The Commission began with a brief discussion about the presentation given by Public Defenders Michael Hunt and Phyllis Emerick and the points that they took away from that presentation.
3. New Business:
 - A. The Commission discussed what additional presentations they may like to have or guests to invite, and it was decided that the Commission would like to hear from New Leaf New Life. They asked Margie Rice to extend an invitation.
 - B. Future topics or activities were suggested. Paul mentioned a housing concern he had heard and it was suggested that the County's Commission and the City's Commission may wish to partner to host a conversation about fair rental practices and what is and is not appropriate in that regard. Ideas, including education, outreach and trying to garner attention from the local newspapers, were suggested. Byron mentioned that the City's Commission receives 6-10 complaints a year, which is higher than the County receives. The difference may be because of differences in the population size.
 - C. Doris recommended that we donate goods to New Leaf New Life rather than Goodwill, since New Leaf New Life can donate the same goods and get vouchers for those who are leaving incarceration.
4. The meeting was adjourned.