**MONROE COUNTY WOMEN’S COMMISSION**

**January 5, 2023**

**Commissioner Attendance Appointed by Term date**Chair, Susan Hingle Present MoCo Comm 1/1/24
Secretary, Nicki Williamson Present MoCo Comm 1/1/24
Molly Otto Present MoCo Comm 1/1/25
Tiana Iruoje Present MoCo Council 1/1/24
Juliet Hardesty Present MoCo Council 1/1/24
Jennifer Crossley Present MoCo Council (ex-officio)

Voting Members: 7
Quorum Numbers: 4

Meeting Minutes completed by: MCWC Secretary
Location: Nat U Hill Room, Monroe County Courthouse

1. **Call to Order: 5:33pm by Commissioner Hingle**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Agenda approval (all voting members approved)**
4. **Minutes approval (all voting members approved)**
5. **Continuing Business**
6. **Commissioner Updates**
7. Changes in ordinances (Commissioner Hingle)
8. Removal of Bloomington City Status on Women seat
9. Will change back to 11 seats upon amendment by MoCo Comm in January
10. Specific residency requirements removed

2. Indiana Commission for Women (Commissioner Hingle)

* Jordan Teske Harrison- Admin staff
* Michigan City is the only other Women’s Commission in the state of IN
* Gary, IN might also have one?
* Monthly meeting with ACLU (Katie Blair and Katelyn Teague), Kristina Isabel (Chair of Women’s Commission in Michigan City)

**Action Item**: Commissioner Hingle will attend these meetings

* Money available for necessities (nametags, retreat funding)
* **Action Item**: All MCWC members are welcome to attend (1/11/23 12-1:30p)

3. Office Hours with Commissioner Thomas (Commissioner Williamson and previous

Commissioner Douglas)

* Questions about how changes to our commission seats were made and why
* Productive discussion with Commissioner Thomas about situation
* Seat changes will be amended back at next MoCo Comm meeting and Commissioner Douglas will be reinstated by filling vacant seat

**Action Item**: Commissioner Crossley will ask Molly Turner King (MoCo Attorney) for clarification about next month’s meeting

* Meeting times of MCWC can be more fluid than we originally thought

**Action Item**: Will revisit meeting times in February once seats are expanded

* Review of communication amongst Commissions
* **Action Item**: Commissioner Williamson will disseminate approved minutes to MCBoC. Commissioner Crossley will report out to MCBoC regularly

 **B. Follow up on report to MCBoC due January 31, 2023**

* **Action Item**: Commissioner Hingle will get information from Commissioners Iruoje and former Commissioner Douglas

 **C. Follow up on need for Calendar of Events for Girls Coding Camp**

* **Action Item**: Commissioner Iruoje and former Commissioner Douglas will work on in February

**D. Vacancies**

* These will increase again in once seat amendments reinstated

**Action Item**: All Commissioners to continue recruiting

**VI. New Business**

1. **Retreat Information/ Work Session**
* Defined as 2-3 hours any day, any location, as long as posted to public
* Public is invited to attend, will not be broadcasted and recorded
* In the next six weeks preferably
* Discussion about how to incorporate information about needs of women in MC into our work session
* Can develop a survey for distribution to ask what direction people want us to go
* Use survey data that is already in existence since time is an issue (i.e. Chamber Capstone Project) (Commissioner Otto)
* Consider timeliness of physical building placement of County Jail (Maria Douglas)
* Consider timeliness of reproductive healthcare as it will be addressed in legislative session at state level (Commissioner Hardesty)
* **Action Item**: Commissioner Crossley to send out Doodle Poll to MCWC to establish dates/times
1. **Action Item: Add Girls Coding Camp to regular agenda monthly**
2. **Action Item: Add Follow up on previous Action Items to regular monthly agenda**

**VII. Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm**