

MONROE COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

August 17, 2023

Commissioner	Attendance	Appointed by	Term date
Susan Hingle, Chair	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/24
Maria Douglas, Vice-President	Absent	MoCo Comm	1/1/25
Nicki Williamson, Secretary	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/24
Molly Otto	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/25
Tiana Iruoje	Absent	MoCo Council	1/1/24
Juliet Hardesty	Present	MoCo Council	1/1/24
Kathleen Sobiech	Absent	MoCo Comm MoCo Council (ex-officio)	1/1/25

Voting Members: 4

Quorum Numbers: 4

Meeting Minutes completed by: MCWC Secretary

Location: Nat U Hill Room, Monroe County Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:32pm by Commissioner Hingle
This Commission shall serve in an advisory role to assist residents, businesses, and the government of Monroe County in addressing issues of gender equity in all aspects of society.

The mission is to advance the status of women in all areas of county life and to champion women's contributions to local culture and society.

II. Introductions/Announcements

III. **Agenda approval** (all voting members approved)

IV. **Minutes approval** (all voting members approved)

V. Commissioner Updates

A. Commissioner Hingle

1. Indiana Commission for Women

-Commissioner Hingle attended monthly meeting for all chairs in Indiana
Torch Bearer Awards: more later

2. Democratic Women's Caucus

B. Commissioner Douglas (written to Susan)

1. Middle Way House Wrapped IN Love Kickoff Event at Switchyard Park Pavilion
-10/12 at 530pm (tree sweaters). Tickets \$50

VI. Ongoing business

A. Commissioner meeting report

B. County Council meeting report

C. BCSW Meeting report

-Women's Market on August 29th

D. Girls Web Design Camp Subcommittee

- waiting on MOUs
- delay in dates
- Commissioners Irujoe and Douglas to update next month

E. Gender Equity and Justice Response subcommittee

- attended JFAC meeting and have made comments
- Commissioner Douglas made comment on Intercept Zero: Diversion
- August 8th Commissioner Hardesty commented on DEI topic; invited to the table to speak as part of the conversation instead of public comment
- August 28th at 4:30 Topic: Treatment, Construction, and Operation
- subcommittee will meet next week

F. Mission Statement

- The Commission shall serve in an advisory role to assist the government of Monroe County in addressing issues of gender equity in all aspects of the community. The mission is to advance the status of identifying women and marginalized genders in all areas of county life.
- Preamble and what it says and how to have this incorporated into our mission
- tabling vote now as not everyone has definitively given input
- Action item:** Hingle to send amongst us one more time to discuss, edit.
- We will vote on this during September meeting

VII. New Business

1. Torch Bearer Award: State Senator Shelli Yoder
 - Dr. Bernard was selected to be a torch bearer award by IWC, but was not listed
 - voted on by previous award winners
 - who denied it, why was it denied
 - MCWC to give Dr. Bernard an award?
 - Action Item:** Hingle to follow up with Senator Yoder and Jordan Teske-Harrison (IWC)
2. Speaker will be rescheduled for Fall
 - Action Item:** Hardesty will contact to reschedule
3. Names from Beth Clawson
 - go ahead and apply
 - Action Item:** Commissioner Williamson will contact and invite them to apply
 - then we can ask Commissioners for adding seats
4. Sign ups

VIII. Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 pm