

MONROE COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

November 16, 2023

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

Voting Members: 4

Quorum Numbers: 4

Meeting Minutes completed by: Nicki Williamson

Location: Nat U Hill Room, Monroe County Courthouse

Call to Order 5:30 pm

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.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda (All approved)

Motion and approval to move guest speaker to before Old/New Business

III. Approval of Minutes

Amended minutes by updating mission statement (All approved)

IV. Commissioner Updates

A. Commissioner Hingle

1. Draft of MCWC Orientation PowerPoint shared

- summaries, add highlights

-add email

Action Item: Hingle to check on email and who receives it

Action Item: Hingle-can the public email the MCWC email?

-let's go over orientation at upcoming work session

2. Thank you to Misty at NLNL

-Hingle and Sobiech delivered chocolates

-clothing drive to partner with NLNL at their request

3. Indiana Commission for Women: Your voice, your story: Breaking barriers to maternal health- a free virtual seminar

-Link will be posted 12/1/23. <https://www.in.gov/icw/initiatives/>

-funding issues were discussed

4. Councilor Cheryl Munson

- Hingle met with and explored opportunities
- looking for a Republican for Board of Health
- Dina asked if three of us will be reappointed as term is up

B. Commissioner Douglas

**National Native American Heritage Month, National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, World Vegan Month, Military Family Month, Prematurity Awareness Month, National Diabetes Month, National Adoption Month, Trans-Awareness Week 11/13-11/19
Giving Tuesday is the 11/28th**

1. Critical Race Theory event- Douglas and Otto in attendance to library discussion in October
2. Community Development Financial Institutions Friendly Bloomington (CDFI) -Jane Kupersmith
3. Remarkable Women **Resilience Productions**, black women from history productions in talk show setting attended by douglas
4. Monroe County Childrens' Condition Summit (MC3) attended by Douglas policy to real world experiences, resources
5. NOW State Conference attended by Douglas
 - Shelley Yoder is writing a bill to amend SB1 and SB259 reintroduce (eliminate taxes on menstrual blood collection devices)
6. Girls' Inc. Ruby Gala- raised 10,000 in dessert auction, Douglas attended
7. Health and Business Chamber event, Douglas attended; 2024 Monroe County is getting over one million dollars and Board of Health to identify the needs and disperse the money; how to apply for the money; 3 million slated for 2025... get on list.
8. December 8th Bloomington Health Foundation event, looking for action items to fund, how do we get invited

V. Guest Speaker: Jane Kupersmith, CEO of CDFI

VI. Ongoing business

A. County Commission meeting update

1. No report

B. County Council meeting update

1. Passed budget; Sheriff's Department for Transition Team Director clarifying that funding was needed for that position

C. Bloomington Council on the Status of Women

- 1.No update

D. Girls Web Design Camp Subcommittee

1. Subcommittee meeting will get event details set up
2. Dean of Luddy made comments, so now not ready for signature; will need review, approval, MOU signed, then can go before Board of Commissioners

E. Gender Equity and Justice Response Subcommittee

1. Did not finalize a press release; will work more on that in work session; release at beginning of January
2. Subcommittee meeting scheduled for December 14th

VII. New Business

- A. Picture at December work session December 21st at Nat U Hill: election of officers, review of year, goal setting;
Action Item: Hingle will create a shared agenda document
- B. Creation of a woman and gender spectrum coalition of NPOs for organization
 - lots of community conversations, Douglas ready to do work
 - organizing a coalition of NPO that serve women and gender spectrum (lifespan roadmap)
- C. CAPS Commission
 - City of Bloomington Advisory on Public Safety- event in February
 - sponsoring event maybe? Patty Moon can pop into work session to ask questions February 23-25th; screening on the 24th

VIII. Public Comment

Meeting adjourned 6:39 pm