

GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018

**HRC Members in Attendance:**

John Gooch, James Gooch, David Smith, Sarah J. Mayfield, Ron Bullock, Helen Amis, Tony Cozart, Harold Slaughter, Wilma B. Moore, Jason Jenkins, Michael Felts, Patrice Wilkerson, and Ethel J. Anderson

**Excused Absence:** Bessye McGhee, Archer Wilkins, Linda Jordon, Mary Cordrey, Telessie McGhee

Prior to Call to Order, HRC October's Calendar and Statement of Activities for FY 2017/2018 were distributed by the County Manager's Office.

**Call to Order; General Welcome:**

The Human Relations Commission met at Richard H. Thornton, Large Conference Room Library, in Oxford, NC on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Chairman John Gooch. Invocation was rendered by Mr. Ron Bullock followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the membership.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Acceptance of the August 13, 2018 minutes was so moved by James Gooch, seconded by Helen Amis and so carried by Chairman Gooch.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Social (James Gooch): None to Report**

**Education Committee (Dr. Tony Cozart)**

- Dr. Cozart reported that we are moving forward with the MLK essay activities. Dr. Stan Winborne, Director of Middle School Curriculum and Instruction, at JF Webb High School has agreed to distribute all MLK Essay Contest information out to the school. He noted that School Counselor(s) will be passing out the information.
- In addition to the Education Committee members, essay readers may be requested once we get the essays in from the school systems.
- Question was asked regarding essay participant having to reside within Granville County.
  - It was noted that you must be enrolled in the Granville County School System.
- It was noted that some Charter Schools participates in this contest as well.

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**Programs/Planning Committee (Dennis Daniel): Absent; No Report**

**Publicity (Jason Jenkins): No Report**

**Grievances (Mr. Telessie McGhee): Absent; No Report**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Surplus HRC Funds**

- On behalf of the HRC, a letter was submitted by Patrice Wilkerson (County Manager's Office), requesting to retain HRC funds left over from the last fiscal year.
- It was so noted by Chairman Gooch that we were approved to have the funds rolled over.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- It was noted that Mr. Gene Troy was not able to give the workshop for the September meeting. It was stated that he will give the workshop at the next (October) HRC Meeting.
- Chairman Gooch asked about the status and updates to the HRC website. Ethel Anderson noted that she would check into the latest input on the site.
- To increase the awareness of the HRC, a question was asked about pictures being taken of HRC members at the various meeting locations; Stem, Stovall, Butner, etc.
- It was so noted that Granville County School representation is still missing from the HRC. Dr. Cozart noted that he would check into this matter.
- It was also noted about the status of our HRC Hispanic representative (Sue Hinman) from District 3. Dr. Cozart noted that he would inquire about this matter as well.

**Robert O. Blackwell Award**

- David Smith noted that we are looking for nominations for recipient of the Robert O. Blackwell Award
  - You can provide your nomination to him or any of the below committee members:
    - Ethel Anderson
    - Harold Slaughter
    - Tony Cozart
    - Sarah Mayfield
    - James Wimbush

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**Candidate Forum**

- Granville Candidate's Forum will be held on October 2, 2018, at Oxford City Hall. Reception starts at 6 pm. The forum will start at 6:30 with projected completion no later than 8:30 pm.
- Patrice Wilkerson passed out the Agenda, Notes, and Guidance for the Candidates Forum.
- League of Women's Voters (LWV), HRC, and Chambers of Commerce (CoC) are the sponsors of the event.
- No questions from the audience; Questions will be submitted to the LWV. HRC representative may be requested to assist in reviewing/proving questions.
- It was noted that we could expect 12-14 candidates to participate in the forum. Total Granville County-wide candidates going up for election is approximately 27-30.
- Any questions for the Candidates Forum should be sent to Patrice no later than September 11, 2018.
- Advertising
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Social Media by County
  - Community Announcements
- Angela Allen will be Moderating

**Special Notifications; Public Service Announcement**

- Per the County Manager, Mike Felts, in anticipation of Hurricane Florence, please heed hurricane warnings.
- Expectations are 10 to 15 inches of rain.
- Granville County will have storm shelters available but not bed shelters.
- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 is the Litter Pickup Campaign (County wide event); It will start at the Public Works building.

**Adjournment:**

Motions made to adjourn the September HRC meeting by Jason Jenkins; second by Dr. Cozart; so carried by Chairman Gooch. The meeting was adjourned approximately 7:38 p.m.

John Gooch, Chairman  
Minutes captured by Ethel Anderson