

GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2019

**HRC Members in Attendance:**

John Gooch, Telessie McGhee, David Smith, Helen Amis, Harold Slaughter, Ron Bullock, Wilma B. Moore, Patrice Wilkerson, John W. Wimbush, Mary Cordrey, Michael Felts, and Ethel J. Anderson, Sandy Woody, and James J. Gooch

**Excused Absence:** Archer Wilkins, Bessye McGhee, Tony Cozart, William Betts and Sarah Mayfield

**Call to Order; General Welcome**

The Human Relations Commission met at Richard H. Thornton Library, Large Conference Room, in Oxford, NC on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Chairman John Gooch. Invocation was led by Ron Bullock followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Harold Slaughter.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Approval of minutes was so moved by John Wimbush, seconded by Helen Amis and so carried by Chairman Gooch.

**Public Comment:** None Presented.

**Census Update:** Sandy Woody gave an update on the census. She said that the county has grown. It has 57,500 citizens, 59000 + current residents. She noted that mailings went out to every address that was not on the list in January. People can contact her with questions. They will start counting houses to ensure people still live there.

52,000- avg. income median

83% - graduate rate

12% - don't have health insurance

46,738 - addresses in Granville County

3,586 - veterans in 2017

73% - broadband

98% have a computer- gap between who has internet vs having a computer

April 1, 2019 - next census

Per Mike, HRC will be assisting in the process- Complete Count Committee that represents the community. We will work with Sandy on this...help reach the community via communication devices. Process is on-line. Goal is to get people to complete census online to cut down on mailing. If no response from mailers, people will go door to door. No personal information will be on the census, just a count. Race will be on the report, but not required to answer. August is the deadline. Census.gov is the current website. Every piece of property that has electric, requires an address for the census. This includes farm that is used for cattle that has water and or electricity.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Social (James Gooch): No Report**

**Education Committee (Dr. Tony Cozart): Absent No Report**

**Programs/Planning Committee: No Report**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Last month, the School System came and presented their finances regarding school closings and the deficit.

MLK Breakfast- things went very well. Seemed to be a larger crowd, food was good and hardly any left over. Should consider serving food earlier. Start letting them get their food as they come in. Coffee and juice line was a bottleneck. Ticket count ran very well. Only had 2 visible seats not filled. Thank you to the Robert Blackwell Committee for getting Dr. Chavis there. Thanks to the Education Committee...diverse group of children there for the essays. Power went off so that was the only negative thing that happened. Ms. Anderson, thank you for the plaques. Everyone did an outstanding job. Newspapers presented good articles on the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Spring Workshop**

- Members Sarah Mayfield and Patrice Wilkerson are working on a Spring HRC Workshop.

**Adjournment:**

Motions were made to adjourn the February HRC meeting; so, carried by Chairman Gooch. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8 p.m.

John Gooch, Chairman  
Minutes captured by Linda Jordon