

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Monday February 6, 2017 3:30 – 5:00PM

Agriculture Building

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Jeff Delaney, Robert Williams, Carolyn Schwebel, Sherri West, Linda Zucaro, Ronald Sopenoff, Sondra Cannon, Ted Lee, John Schwebel, John Curley, Jeff Schwartz, Patrick Collum, Rosa Lee and Nina Anderson.

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 pm. Following the salute to the flag, the minutes of the December full commission meeting, as previously distributed, were approved.

The Treasurer's report (attached) shows a partial allocation of \$600 toward the 2017 budget. The full budget, which will most likely be reduced from the 2016 amount, will be available once the county budget is approved.

Standing committee reports were not provided in the interest of getting right to the main discussion on the future of the commission.

Much of the discussion at this meeting was a repeat of the December meeting and the January Executive Committee meeting. The motion which received a 3 - 3 vote at that meeting was read. The topic which raised the most discussion was requesting info from the Prosecutor's Office - why ask for it, would it be provided, what exactly would it contain and how would we use it.

The discussion did not produce a consensus answer as to whether there is still a need for the commission in Monmouth County.

The question was asked - how does the existence or elimination of the MCHRC impact the people of Monmouth County ?

It was decided that the March meeting would be a full commission meeting with the expectation that a vote will be taken on the following motion (made by Cannon, seconded by Collum) -

A yes or no vote on whether to continue or dissolve the commission will be taken at the next full commission meeting. The vote on this motion was 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstaining.

Submitted by Linda Zucaro