

Boyle County Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes: 09/26/16

The scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Human Rights Commission was held at the Boyle County Courthouse, on September 26, 2016. Members in attendance: Susie Kelly, James Hunn, Arlen Finke, Anne Sleet, Gary Barkman, William Jenkins, and Kathy Miles. Also present: Peter McCaffrey, interpreter for the deaf, and citizen, Rita Finke. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson, James Hunn, and William Jenkins gave the opening prayer. The minutes of the August 22, 2016, meeting were emailed by Kathy Miles. A motion was made by Susie Kelly, seconded by William Jenkins, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Susie Kelly reported that a Commission member has been appointed by Junction City: Stacie Coontz.

Arlen Finke reported that the Ephraim McDowell Hospital special committee which includes issues of the deaf community meets again on October 13. He reported no new complaints to him by the deaf community re: the use of VRI in medical settings.

James Hunn shared information on known "Hate Groups" existing around the state of Kentucky.

James Hunn reported that progress has been made on the East Main sidewalk, reported on in the previous meeting.

New Business:

Kentucky Open Records Law "Proof of Receipt" forms brought by Kathy Miles were signed by members present. They will be returned to the courthouse.

Members discussed the need for regular community information/discussion sessions open to the public led by Chief of Police and County Sheriff. Other community groups are working on this. Kathy Miles will contact both re: the Commission's support of such ongoing meetings.

Arlen Finke stated that a workshop for all local law enforcement on handling traffic stops and other law enforcement encounters with the deaf community is needed. He attended such a Lexington training a few years ago. Motion was made by Arlen Finke, seconded by James Hunn to recommend to the Chief of Police and the Sheriff that this training be planned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Anne Sleet, seconded by Susie Kelly. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Next Meeting will be: October 24, 2016, at 6 PM, at the Boyle County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Miles, Secretary