

Frankfort Human Rights Commission
January 7, 2020 5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Bob Padgett. Present were Bob Padgett, Christina Libby, Anita Collins, Singer Buchanan, and Lisa Gabbard. With the resignations of John Snyder and Sallye Hill Stumbo, all members were present. Also present was Fairness Officer Dan Egbers.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved with one correction – add Christina Libby as “present”. Motion was made by Singer Buchanan and seconded by Anita Collins, with all members voting in favor of approval.

Fairness Officer Dan Egbers discussed the case involving 2 women and the American Legion. The attorney for the American Legion states that the Frankfort Human Rights Commission doesn't have jurisdiction in the case because they are a private club. Discussion was held around whether the American Legion always acts as a private club; are they a non-profit with 501(c) status? There will be a hearing on the motion for Summary Judgement tomorrow (1/8/2020), but Dan expects no decision. If the motion is granted, an evidentiary hearing will be held January 29th and 30th at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

In Old Business, the Commission will be making a year-end report to the City Commission. Dan Egbers will write up a summary of the work on the pending cases for inclusion, and the Pride event and Frankfort Immigration Assistance Network work will be included in the report.

In New Business, the Commission will ask the Mayor to appoint two new members to replace those who recently resigned.

In Upcoming Events, Bob indicated that he planned to attend a meeting of the Frankfort Immigrant Assistance Network on Thursday, and that he hopes to bring other community partners to the group. He told the group that FAIN was helpful in getting a Spanish version of a brochure for the HRC. Anita has been nominated for a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership award from the MLK State Commission. The ceremony will be held on January 15, 2020 at 6:00 at the Kentucky History Center. The members expressed congratulations to Anita.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Singer made the motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., and all voted in favor.