

HRC Committee Meeting Minutes
Isabella Count Building Room 225
July 12, 2010

Members Present: Laura Gonzales, Susan Poindexter, Patty Csernai, Shirley Decker, Maureen Eke, Lori Flynn-Tyree, Robert Newby, and Carole Richardson

Absent: Kira Grey ([has not officially resigned](#)), Jeannie Jackson, and Elizabeth Husbands

Meeting called to order 5:15 PM.

- Sue Poindexter made a motion to accept minutes of May 2010. Laura Gonzales seconded this motion. Motion passed.
- Public comments – none
- Presentations – Sharon Brown, Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds is the keeper of land records-search ancestors properties, tribal allotments, searching oil and mineral rights indexed to 1800's; online search images. Register of Deed is currently implementing mortgage fraud protection. Staff answers telephones, process mail, enter documents, help people search land documents. Register of Deeds has four full time employees – one male.

-Robert question: Film gas load/ natural gas water fracture contaminates water.
ROD answer: Keep track of land and what happens to it. Oil/gas minerals rights. 20 year cycle if there was no action. I have to do notice of intent to retain rights. Public record office cannot see affidavit- cannot see price. Sharon Brown has been in office since 1988 – appointed for a 4th four- year term. Diversity issues - any restriction record is kept since 1800's

-Laura question: Tribal records?

ROD answer: if they go through banks etc., those transactions have to go through this office.

-Robert question: Commercial land vs. private?

ROD answer: There is more private home ownership. All is name of legal description. Don't have addresses. Zoning enforces property maintenance. Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds are the Plat Board.

-Patty question: Employees diversity question.

ROD answer: Employees have had training. Never had any concerns with staff and diversity issues. Staff works well with consumers. Register of Deeds has not had any complaints.

-Maureen question: What would like from the HRC? Can we help?

ROD answer: If have a problem go to the Administrator. Diversity coordinator maybe in time as there is no funding at this time.

-Laura question: What can we do to up our visibility in the County?

ROD answer: Visibility-Michelle Doherty, IT Coordinator, with issues. Supply brochures at each office.

Register of Deeds is currently waiting on budget. Current budget not funded by taxpayers. It is a revenue generating office: copy fees, charge for tract searches, \$40 per hour, and \$1 per page.

Old Business:

1. Brochures – took out Blossom. There is a website. Put in new meeting dates. Contact info is Christy. Will forward to Christy to get to Isabella County departments. Also leave us some for next meeting.

New Business:

1. Hate crimes community response team- Hate crimes Community Response Team Summary established teams Matt B and Laura Gonzales Isabella County team – Jeanne will have a test. HRC needs to keep it moving. Mid-September will be a statewide Hate Crimes Conference. Will be committed to this. Some cities have Human Rights office. Need to have something in place if a hate crime occurs. Robert added that an infrastructure is needed to support the group. The person needs a position and official title. Laura will send bias crimes info via email to all. Bob, Laura and Jeanne from HRC attended. Do we need a formal motion to proceed with this? Shirley – should
Carole made a motion that the HRC endorse and support the creation of an Isabella County Response Team Hate Crimes Community. Robert seconded.
2. Diversity Internship update-Diversity Intern Status:
Status of search is June 30, 2010. Hasn't heard back. We don't know if there have been applicants. Laura will contact Christy.
3. Visibility for the HRC.
4. Goals of the HRC. Goals of the HRC tabled until October 2010. (Be thinking about the goals and how to accomplish them) All committee members establish ideas how to accomplish and clarify our goals. Email ideas to Lori Flynn-Tyree.

5. Central Michigan Association of Realtors Equal Opportunity Commission
Central Michigan Association of Realtors – Equal opportunity commission.
Laura told them about the HRC. Laura will give them updated brochure.

6. Carole Richardson offered position in New York State. Last meeting.
(Officially resigned)

7. Lori Flynn-Tyree will be absent for August 2, 2010 meeting. Laura
Gonzales

Adjourned at 6:40 pm Respectfully submitted