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**MICHIGAN CITY  
COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF  
AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES**

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**Wednesday, JANUARY 13, 2010**

**Commissioners Present:**

Albertine Allen  
Marty Corley  
Charles Dowdell  
Joan Ganschow  
Jeri Jones  
Faye Moore  
Lester Norvell  
Arthur Payne, Jr.  
James Stemmler  
Rodney Washington

**Commissioners Absent:**

Willie Milsap  
Richard Murphy

**Others Present:** Andy Steele, ALCO Cameraman  
Michael Mack, 2010 Census Rep.  
and LCAADO

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Payne wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ROLL CALL:**

Faye Moore called the roll and it was noted for the record. All attendance is noted above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairperson Payne asked for a motion of acceptance of the December minutes. Commissioner Norvell motioned to accept with a correction in the minutes of \$49,00 should be \$4,900. Commissioner Washington seconded the motion. The chairperson asked for a vote: **Ayes: 10 Nays: 0**

**Absent: 02 Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** \$4,900. We have \$5,760. Marty passed out an article -"Judge help partnership award grants" Jeane Bock, Drug Free Partnership. Minority Health will also be assisting Commissioner Corley. Commissioner stated he needs volunteers at LSN Center in Lakeland after school program.

**COMMTTEE REPORTS:**

**Health and Addiction: (Tiny Allen)** - Program for Senior Citizens at M.C. Housing Authority Office. On 12-27-09 -New Hope Praise Dancers, Gospel Crusaders, Mt. Zion praise dancers. There were approximately fifty-four people in attendance. We will continue to partner with Health Organizations. We will be signing up for breast cancer. Fannie Mae Grant \$5,025 total of \$10,050 toward Mammograms in La Porte County. Men also suffer fro breast cancer and should be checked. Rev. Swarn was at the presentation and he sends his regards to everyone.

**Commissioner Jeri Jones-H.O.P.E.** - H.O.P.E. and the NAACP will be working together on some projects - starting with Black History Month.

**Commissioner Corley - M. C. Police Dept will be having testing this month- January 30, 2010 to get applications. Application needs to be in one week before testing. Three (3) positions to fill.**

**Age-21-35.**

**Commissioner Payne** - Re: Scott Pelath sent out information concerning the Michigan Blvd. Project. The whole State is having a problem getting local workers on construction jobs.

NAACP & SSAAM- County Jail Offender Commissary and Offender Phone Bills - Get information on the contract for the phone service for offenders and the ATM machine at the Jail for Family and Friends to leave money charges \$3.00 for every transaction. Joan Ganschow will represent SSAAM in this endeavor.

The following Council Appointments will soon expire: Commissioner Richard Murphy; Willie Milsap; Albertine Allen; Rodney Washington; Rev. Charles Dowdell all expire 2-1-10. Give a letter to Gail Nelieub by Friday 1-15-10 in order to be on the Council Agenda's next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Introduction of Michael Mack, LCAADO(2010 Census)

Mr. Michael Mack, employee with Michigan City School System showed the Commission a power point on the importance of 2010 Census. Approximately 20 minutes. Mr. Mack also answered questions during and after the presentation. **Goal: To hire local people from here to count in Michigan City. CENSUS JOBS: 1-866-861-2010 or www.2010censusjobs.gov**

SSAAM and HOPE will collaborate together in (1) HOPE Bldg. becoming a center for training and assembling information to the Community. (2) SSAAM assist in getting workers to take the test and help facilitate the 2010 Census at the HOPE building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

ANNOUNCEMENT: MLK Celebration -Breakfast at PNC January 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Tuskegee Airmen and M. C. Soul Steppers, etc.

Community Projects: NAACP Volunteering at H.O.P.E. setting up their Library at 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

YMCA -La Porte- reading to children and serving popcorn.

Michiana Resources - Painting a wall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Payne asked for a motion to adjourn Commissioner Allen seconded by Commissioner Norvell Ayes:11 Nays:0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 1

The meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.

***The next Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of the African American Males is scheduled for February 10, 2010, 12:00 noon at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference room.***

Respectfully Submitted: W. Faye Moore, Secretary (1-27-10)