

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF December 12, 2022

Commissioners		
Dave Hyatt	President	Present
Christine Santiago-Foos	Vice President	Present
John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Excused
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest(s):		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt at 1734.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

McAllister read the minutes from the November 28th Commission Meeting – 1736 hrs.

MOTION – 22-1212-01 to approve the minutes with minor changes from Nov 28th 1740 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote

MOTION – 22-1212-02 Enter into executive session

1st Reimer 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote 1742 hrs.

Discussed Financial Assistance for three veterans

MOTION – 22-1212-03 Exit executive session and return to public session 1920 hrs.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote

Back in public session:

Motion – 22-1212-04 Waiver of lifetime award to 15,500.00 and to provide Veteran (Redacted) the following: 1400.00 for Rent (Nov and December 2022), Nov car payment 479.67, 184.64 Spectrum bill, and to receive 400.00 in Meijer gift cards.

1st Reimer 2nd Ray 5-0 vote

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Air show 2023 – June 16, 17, 18 Rickenbacker is hosting an air show. There are opportunities available whereas Veteran Services can participate in hosting an area specifically for Delaware County Veterans. A brief discussion of opportunities were mentioned with the commission agreeing to explore the best options available over the coming weeks / months. The availability is limited so a decision to commit is probably required sooner than later. More to come in the next coming meetings.

Dental program – The policy has been in place for about a year. We had our first “emergency” type client. The process went extremely well. That said, while dormant, the policy was reviewed and tweaked based off another county’s operational plan which streamlined the steps so the veteran can get taken care of easier while tracking the usage for data reporting.

Delaware Arts Fest – The Arts fest May 20/21, 2023, by application gives out 4 tent areas for county organizations. The National Museum would like to team up with Veteran Services to take advantage of a free tent area. After a discussion amongst the commission the following motion was set forth:

Motion- 22-1212-07 To request via application a tent area for the Delaware Arts fest coming summer of 2023 so that the National Veterans Museum and Veterans Services can share the space.

1st. McAllister

2nd Reimer

5-0 vote

The new Community Based Outpatient Clinic was discussed briefly reviewing the location confirming the potential size of the clinic.

Driver’s requested – Any of the commissioners that has time to help out the Transportation Section of Veteran Services. There are many requests coming in with many appointments on the same day. Logistically, to accommodate these request additional drivers are needed. The office staff have been providing additional driving to accommodate all of the requests. Doing so limits

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dec 17th – Wreaths across America event

Dec 17th – Meijer – Sunbury RD (Delaware) is hosting a day supporting People in Need. If you go THAT DAY ONLY – and buy a 10 dollar gift card, you will donate it to PIN and Meijer will add an additional 20 dollars making the total donation \$30.00 dollars.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

Actionable items:

Footer project – on hold till Jan 2023

Job Standards / pay – continue conversation

Air Show 2023

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY – NEXT MEETING will be Dec 27th @ Veteran Service Office Conference Room beginning at 1730 hrs.

MOTION 22-1212-08 - ADJOURN MEETING AT 2013 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister

5-0 vote

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF December 28, 2022

Commissioners		
Dave Hyatt	President	Present
Christine Santiago-Foos	Vice President	Absent
John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Absent
Guest(s):		
Harold Wolford		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

McAllister read the minutes from the December 12th Commission Meeting – 1732 hrs.

MOTION – 22-1228-01 to approve the minutes with minor changes from Dec 12th 1740 hrs.

1st Reimer

2nd McAllister

4-0 Vote

Hyatt wanted to congratulate Bill Piwtorak on his work effort based on a recent email commending Bill.

MOTION – 22-1228-02 Enter into executive session 1742 hrs.

1st Reimer

2nd McAllister

4-0 Vote

Discussed Financial Assistance for one veteran

MOTION – 22-1228-03 Exit executive session and return to public session 1813 hrs.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

4-0 Vote

Back in public session:

MOTION – 22-1228-04 Deny Veteran (REDACTED) car payments in the amount near \$2300 and confirm the motion from the last (REDACTED) request for the next request not to occur until at least February.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

3-1 vote

With the denial vote, Galligher will follow up with Piwtorak on a potential car and with Cordero on claim work for Veteran (**REDACTED**)

OLD BUSINESS

Footer project is still in progress.

Annual increases were discussed with Director Galligher indicating the amount the Delaware County Commissioners gave via resolution.

MOTION – 22-1228-05 Give hourly employees the same increase as the VA increase (Federal COLA amount) in the amount of 8.7%. Those that have been hired in the last 3 months will receive this increase after reaching a year of service. Salaried employees will receive the same amount as given by the Delaware County Commissioners at 4.0%

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

4-0 vote

MOTION – 22-1228-06 Create a pay structure for hourly employees to be completed no later than May 1st. This will be completed via special meetings going into executive session.

1st McAllister

2nd Reimer

4-0 vote

NEW BUSINESS

Director Galligher will take pictures of the group to create a flyer for the various veteran service organizations as an education of who the Veteran Service Commissioners are, contacts, and a brief description of the services the office can provide.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Congratulations to David Hyatt on his recent re-appointment to the Veteran Service Commission. The judges are very happy with our progress.

The Columbus Air Show was discussed. The VSC is very supportive but would like additional information on transportation to the event, from parking to the tent for those that have trouble walking, and a then a total cost for this portion that can be attributed to a cost per person. This cost may then be shared with the Veteran Service Organizations. A question also on how many workers are allowed in the exhibitor space.

Director Galligher updated the VSC on the Delaware CBOC. They are not as far along as originally thought with a time frame of around 3 years before operational. Galligher talked to Delaware County Facilities to find out if space is available still at the Willis Building or land at the old DACC but both have passed the time of having availability. Galligher stated he would keep up with his new POC at the VA to help speed up the timeline sooner than 3 years.

A citizen donated tickets to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Bill was able to reach out to a veteran to attend.

Dental flyers were created, posted, and sent to all dentist in Delaware County.

AED's that were procured by the office were to be delivered by VSC members to the VFW Post 3297 and American Legion Post 518. The American Legion post 457 was already delivered by Thom Mills.

MOTION 22-1228-07 - ADJOURN MEETING AT 2005 hrs.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister

4-0 vote