

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Mar 14th, 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		
Scott Leonard	Acting Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest:		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt AT 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

McAllister read the minutes from the Feb 28th Commission Meeting – 1732 hrs.

MOTION – to approve the minutes with minor grammatical fixes 1740hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote

OLD BUSINESS

May 9th's commission meeting is advertised on website

Sandwich boards – Two boards have been purchased and have been delivered. Over the course of the next Days they boards will be unpacked and prepared for use. Suggested to look at figuring out An easy way to weigh down the boards when on display.

Thumb Drives - These items will be uploaded with our brochure as needed. An identifying sticker has been Placed on the box notifying the user of the uploaded items.

F/A mission Court – Discussed in detail regarding how the policy indicates how mission court works regarding Financial assistance. Commission wants clarification if helping a non- resident is legal.

Driver Training – In process with DATA to confirm. Some other transportation issues have popped up that Require addressing. This may lead to having some other vendor provide the education.

Paying delinquent Taxes – This is allowed by policy. Commission requested a clarification if this can be done And what type (property, IRS, Etc.)

NEW BUSINESS

April 1st, 2022 (FIRST FRIDAY) set up at 5 pm and run from 6 to 9pm (Location to be determined).

Mash Pantry (Dr. Moore) will be supported by a function by Am vets Post 102 on March 5th from 5-8 – This event raised 1100 dollars and help the doctor go over his goal of 10,000 dollars.

American Legion had an event supporting Sarah Moore Flagpole project on March 9th
A check presentation was done with every post contributing to the cause. May 21st will be the dedication of this Flagpole Veterans Garden.

Brian will be returning April 4th Tentatively. All his leave time will be exhausted due to this deployment not allowing any decompression time. Asked if commission can figure out a plan to provide time for decompression from this stressful environment/ time to reconnect with family. Commission is to do research.

Update: a women's veteran social group – Karen is leading the charge to contact female veterans that may be interested. Potentially an archived file has all Veterans in Delaware County listed (10,000 +/-)

March 29th – Vietnam Veterans Association will be hosting an event at the Historical Courthouse honoring Vietnam War Veterans Day. This will take place at noon.

A new flagpole was installed to identify all 6 branches of service can fly independently

Rey and Scott pulled all of the flag holders and will be replacing them prior to any events happening.

Ashley Post 457 was contacted to host a future commission meeting. Discussion ensued to determine amount of times a commission meeting should be somewhere else. Determined that spring and fall with a review after the 2nd meeting to see if increasing should occur.

Chillicothe VA is scheduled to go away. This went public on 3-14-2022. Not sure how this loss is going to be addressed however a community outreach care is slated for Delaware County. VA Community Living Center is schedule to move to Columbus.

Actionable items:

1. Can a non-resident assigned to Mission court receive County Financial Assistance Legally?
2. Clarify what is considered Delinquent taxes – Property, Income, Etc?
3. Commission is to research potential decompression time off for deployed veterans.
4. Seek out Archived Files of a list of Veterans Living in Delaware County.
5. Call proper people to reserve parking for VVA trailer on March 29th for event at Historical Courthouse.

MOTION – Executive Session – Enter – 1827hrs.
 1st - Hyatt 2nd – Ray 5-0 vote

Financial Officer provided an activity report on 10 veterans; of those Commission heard 1 request.

Motion - Executive Session – OUT – 1921hrs.
 1st – Reimer 2nd – McCallister 5-0 vote

Executive Session outcome:

Veteran	Food Card	Dental	F/A	Amount	Commission	Amt. Requested
1	YES	NO	YES	\$ 2,446.94	NO	\$ -
2	NO	NO	YES	\$ 453.42	NO	\$ -
3	NO	NO	YES	\$ 1,102.67	NO	\$ -
4	NO	NO	YES	\$ 2,150.88	NO	\$ -
5	NO	NO	YES	\$ 324.89	NO	\$ -
6	NO	NO	YES	\$ 2,265.40	NO	\$ -
7	NO	NO	YES	\$ 492.05	NO	\$ -
8	NO	NO	NO	\$ -	YES*	\$ 10,293.53
9	NO	NO	NO	Denied	Mar 28th	\$ -
10	NO	NO	NO	Denied	NO	\$ -

Commission Assistance

Veteran #8 requested more than the Social Service Officer could provide so the commission reviewed documentation and had an extensive dialogue to come to the following motion:

MOTION – To assist Veteran #8 by providing funds totaling \$6,072.00 to cover multiple medical bills and a portion of a home refurb.
 1st – Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 4-1 vote

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

No Report

MOTION - TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 1928 hrs.
 1st McAllister 2nd Reimer 5-0 vote

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John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Scott Leonard	Acting Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest:		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt AT 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

McAllister read the minutes from the Mar 14th Commission Meeting – 1732 hrs.

MOTION – to approve the minutes with minor grammatical fixes 1742hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote

MOTION- to go into executive session 1742hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 Vote

MOTION – To come out of executive Session 1838hrs.

MOTION – To approve Veteran # 6 (2) months rent (1950.00 x 2) = 3900.00

Electric bill – 956.54

Food cards – 4 from the 150% list and (Does not Count)

4 from the 300# list (Counts)

Discussion – none

Approved 5-0 vote

Veteran	Food Card	Dental	F/A	Amount	Commission	Amount ap-	Burial
1	NO	NO	YES	1269.35	NO	-	-
2	NO	NO	YES	2893.93	NO	-	1000.00
3	YES	NO	YES	321.10	NO	-	-
4	YES	NO	NO	-	NO	-	-
5	YES	NO	YES	1199.52	NO	-	-
6	NO	NO	NO	-	YES	5256.54	-

OLD BUSINESS

F/A mission Court – Discussed in detail regarding how the policy indicates how mission court works regarding Financial assistance. Commission wants clarification if helping a non- resident is legal.
Brian was sent an email. Brian replied saying that he is not 100 percent sure but believes that it was approved as written in the policy.

Commissioner Ray asked if the state was contacted for their opinion? Brian will address upon his return.

Driver Training – Training has two parts. Part A is an online portion and Part B is a classroom where the Instructors will come to use our own equipment. This entire class will cost 540.00 for Everyone to be certified.
Certification is thru P.A.S.S – Passenger Assistance Safety and Security. Which is hosted By CTAA –Community Transportation Association of America.

Paying delinquent Taxes – This is allowed by policy. Commission requested a clarification if this can be done And what type (property, IRS, Etc.). Per policy the ability is documented but it does not What type? Future policy review and address and needed changes

Vietnam Recognition event – March 29th at noon. Parking issue addressed. Everything is ready.

Deployment – Discussion regarding opportunity for a deployed vet to return and receive decompression time Prior to returning to work.

MOTION - Enter executive session with ONLY the commissioners to discuss the Deployment topic.

1st by Santiago- Foos 2nd by Hyatt - 5-0 vote

Entered into Executive session – 1854 hrs.

Returned to regular session – 1948 hrs.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hyatt will be out of town for a few days coming up.

Accolades – Rey Cordero helped with John Crouse with his personal computer. It was many hours of personal Time to remove/ replace a hard drive. John Crouse has great appreciation for his assistance.

Veteran Franklin Moore – will be recognized at the Statehouse on April 22nd @ noon.

Brian has an expected return to work date of April 4th

Ashley Post – Commission meeting for fall – working on a date
They also requested a service day for summer. Both items are being worked on

Brief Statistics

Financial Assistance for 2021 was 132K

Financial Assistance for 1st quarter 2022 – 60K

Claims –

2017 – 143 claims completed

2018 – 155 claims completed

2020 – 103 claims completed

2021- 236 claims completed,

2022 – Just the month of March 2022 total of 63 claims done between 3 people (Scott, Rey, and Lisa).

Actionable items:

1. Confirm Mission court – out of county resident able to receive F/A if requested? Brian
2. Define delinquent taxes – Assigned to Brian
3. Commission meeting for fall – Ashley Post – Assigned to Scott
4. Service day in summer – same as #3 – Assigned to Scott

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

John Crouse would like to see a welcome home event for Brian.

MOTION - TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 2005 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 vote