

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF April 10, 2023

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Reimer at 1732.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes: 1737 hrs.

MOTION – 23-0410-01 to approve the minutes from March 27th minutes

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

DIRECTOR REPORT

Delco Transit Agreement was sent out to review. Any discussion? Would like a motion to approve the document

Fix the area regarding 15,000 dollars – time constraint?

Can bus passes be used? Answer is not really, transportation agreement is not designed for bus pass use.

Bus pass utilization – What is the data showing?

The above questions were discussed and the following motion moved forward.

MOTION – 23-0410-06 to approve the transit agreement with a change showing authorized to spend up to \$5,000.00 per month.

1st – Ray 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote

Driver Time Structure

A document was passed out showing the expectations what drivers will receive under specific conditions. This list will be imported into the transportation policy. This included Normal Hours for drivers to work – M-F 0700-1600 hrs; Minimum of 2 hrs. Per work day; Receive 1 hr. pay if transport is cancelled

Outside of Normal work hours, will receive a minimum of 4 hrs.; and drivers that work on holidays will receive 6 hrs. of minimum pay.

MOTION – 23-0410-07 to approve the presented Driver Time Structure document and import into the Transportation policy.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote

Collaborations with Connections

Veterans Services met with Connections to discuss if they would consider managing a visitation program for veterans. They would mirror a federally approved program for elderly but tweak to be veteran specific. Connections was open to the idea and was going to review their needs and come back with a proposal of cost to manage such a program. If financially feasible, the program would not begin until 2024.

The gist of the program would be volunteers would go out and visit veterans and provide them social interaction on numerous fronts. In turn, they would be able to assist veteran's services with needs that the veteran may need.

MOTION – 23-0410-02 – Enter into Executive Session 1820 Hrs.

1st Santiago–Foos 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote

Discussed two Veteran requesting assistance

MOTION – 23-0410-03 – Exit Executive Session / Enter back into Public Session 1853 Hrs.

1st Ray 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote

Financial Activity

Social Service Officer - Activity Report (official)							2022				
March											
#	Denied	F/A	Comm	Approved	Meijer	Dental	Burial	Hotel	Annual #	Lifetime req	Lifetime \$\$
1		\$1,864.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				3.00	3.00	\$5,038.70
2		\$1,683.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				2.00	2.00	\$2,683.47
3		\$1,996.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				3.00	3.00	\$5,553.00
4		\$758.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				1.00	5.00	\$4,127.04
5		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				1.00	2.00	\$859.36
6		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				2.00	3.00	\$3,936.69
7		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				4.00	4.00	\$7,547.96
8		\$2,037.04	\$1,743.18	\$1,743.18	\$100.00				1.00	1.00	\$3,880.22
9		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				0.00	2.00	\$3,261.43
10		\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,533.93	\$0.00				4.00	4.00	\$4,942.49
11		\$0.00	Denied	Denied	\$0.00				6.00	14.00	\$10,165.19
12		\$1,395.62	\$10,000.00	\$4,287.36	\$100.00				1.00	1.00	\$1,395.62
13		\$1,954.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				1.00	1.00	\$1,954.10
14		\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				1.00	1.00	\$1,200.00
15		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				0.00	0.00	\$0.00
16		\$1,080.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				4.00	4.00	\$2,674.71
17		\$1,234.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00			\$1,034.90	1.00	1.00	\$1,234.90
18		\$458.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				2.00	9.00	\$8,688.61
19		\$984.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00				2.00	2.00	\$6,052.18
20		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00				0.00	5.00	\$0.00
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		\$ 17,047.38	\$ 14,443.18	\$ 8,564.47	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,034.90			\$ 75,195.67
			Total exp - This month						Total exp - Year		
			\$ 30,446.75						80,551.70		

MOTION- 23-0410-04 to approve 5 days in a hotel and make sure REDACTED is contacting Organizations: example 211, Job and Family Services, Etc. that can help with numerous issues that face this spouse.

1st Christine Santiago-Foos 2nd Hyatt 4-1 Vote Passed

MOTION– 23-0410-05 to approve REDACTED help to pay for Rent, Electric, and water totaling \$1,603.20.

1st Christine Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister 4-1 Vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial day Letters: The letter went out and has been received by a couple of posts. Follow up will occur to confirm.

Stockhands – Motion 23-0313-08 commission passed \$25,000 for an ADA approved bathroom. When the Auditor was informed, he directed veteran services to legal to attain a contract of some sort. Currently, it is at the legal side for direction. In the meantime, Stockhands has already started the work.

Gold Star Monument @ National Museum - No update at this time.

Trip to Air Force Museum – Date of the event has been Chosen – October 18th 2023. Will be using the bus Charter – BARONS. To design a good experience, a logistics committee will be created to plan out the experience in detail. This committee needs to have at least 1 commissioner. After asking if anyone is going to go and who wants to sit on the committee. Commissioner Hyatt and Commissioner Santiago-Foos agreed to participate. Future meeting date will be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Moore's annual participation in the 12 hour run – he ran 68 miles in the allotted time and his team raised \$17,000 for the cause.

Conference for Commissioners: Networking exposed three programs that seem to be fruitful for other counties. Exploring similar is requested.

Lorain Co. – Legal Assistance Program

Monthly Coffee meeting with Board

Maybe the spot next to dipped donuts.

Stark Co. – Homeless Housing Solution – similar to Kansas City.

MOTION 23-0410-08 ADJOURN MEETING AT 1912 hrs.

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Reimer at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

1736 hrs.

MOTION – 23-0424-01 to approve the minutes from March 27th minutes

1st Ray

2nd Santiago-Foos

4-0 Vote

OLD BUSINESS

Funeral Honors – new process is working, two requests have been received and assigned accordingly. At the Sunbury meeting- purchasing promotional items was not agreed upon. However, if the items are for Funeral related items to provide honors to a fallen veteran, the items will be made available.

MOTION – 23-0424-02 to authorize the director to approve at their discretion to purchase items requested by Delaware County Veteran Organizations to provide funeral honors for veterans for whom have passed away.

1st Hyatt

2nd Santiago-Foos

4-0 vote

Follow up on this: Stock hands – Motion 23-0313-08 commission passed \$25,000 for an ADA approved bathroom. When the Auditor was informed, he directed veteran services to legal to attain a contract of some sort. Currently, it is at the legal side for direction. In the meantime, Stock hands has already started the work.

The director had a conversation with legal and they stated they are working on it and is confident that the work around will be done with a problem.

In the last meeting – the board asked questions about Delco Transit’s data regarding the use of bus passes that are given out by Veterans Services. The director is still trying to collect the data from Delco Transit. Oak Grove Cemetery had a gathering on Saturday April 22nd at the veteran section to discuss their vision and to collect other ideas from the attendees regarding developing the veteran section for the future. More discussions to follow.

May 5th – Williard Humphrey (Delaware County) will be inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Scott, Karen, and Rey will be attending this fantastic opportunity.

Bill and Lisa will be attending training on May 3, 4, 5th.
Andrew and Brian will be out on Vacation

The office, may not have any services available. Brian will finalize a plan to either have a part time driver to be available to answer the phones and greet visitors or if need be, close the office for the day.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Coy – approached a commissioner asking if purchasing challenge coins would be appropriate. Discussion ended with yes, contact Director Galligher to finalize idea / plan.

NO REPORT

DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Galligher is doing Aid and Attendance claims to help office staff keep up with the increased demand of services.

Director Galligher presented at the Lions Club in Sunbury – Went very well. Brochures were requested so that the Big Walnut Grill could have them available to hand out.

Question- Does the commission want to pass a motion giving Director Galligher more authorizations to spend funds. The county commissioners do something similar with the County Administrator. This option would stream line the multiple times motions have to be created to support the Auditor’s requests for motions to be passed approving expenditures.

Nothing decided- Commission will take this under advisement.

Discussed changing the Financial Aid Policy in regards to HOTEL usage and adding information to protect the veteran’s services. The Social Service Officer and the director will massage the documents and most likely get legal to review.

