

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Dec 11th, 2023 REDACTED

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	Excused
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Scott Leonard	Deputy Director	Present
Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Reimer at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes: 1734 hrs.

MOTION – 23-1211-01 to approve the minutes from Nov 27th meeting as written.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION- 23-1211-02 to enter into executive session. 1739 hrs.

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

Discussed one financial request

Discussed operational matter

MOTION – 23-1211-03 to return to public Session 1842 hrs.

MOTION – 23-1211-04 to approve an overcome waiver for Veterans REDACTED request.

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

MOTION – 23-1211-05 to approve veteran REDACTED with \$3,227.24 and any late fees for his mortgage contingent that the payment has not been paid already and that the mortgage company (Veterans United Home Loans) provides a W9 to meet the auditor's requirement

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans Parade is preparing for 2024. Next meeting is scheduled to meet on Jan 10th, 2024 at 7 pm @ Co-Hatch to beginning the planning process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The county commissioners approved a pay increase to all applicable county employees with a 3.75% increase with a 1.25% potential merit raise for 2024.

Good for the Order

Wreaths across of American will be placing wreaths at Oak Grove on Saturday Dec 16th beginning at 1145 hrs; with a noon ceremony.

All have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEXT MEETING: December 25, 2023 is the next scheduled meeting. Due to it being a holiday, the board has moved the meeting to December 26th, 2023 and will begin at the same time as usual - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)

Motion – 23-1211-06 Motion to adjourn the meeting

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1st McAllister

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

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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)		
Bob Coy		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY : President Reimer at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

1733 hrs.

MOTION – 23-1226-01 to approve the minutes from Dec 11th meeting with minor grammatical corrections.

1st McAllister

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASSED

MOTION- 23-1226-02 to enter into executive session.

1735 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Discussed three financial requests

MOTION – 23-1226-03 to return to public Session

1839 hrs.

MOTION – 23-1226-04 to approve an over income waiver for Veteran REDACTED request and to provide \$3,227.24 for his mortgage due on Feb 1st 2024. Motion 23-1211-04 was not enacted upon due to failure of bank to provide a proper IRS form W9.

1st Hyatt

2nd McAllister

4-1 Vote

PASSED

MOTION – 23-1226-05 to approve veteran REDACTED to receive up to \$3,000.00 to pay for living expenses from his nursing home not covered by either Aid and Attendance or Medicaid.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Motion – 23-1226-06 per Veteran REDACTED financial assistance submission, a police report needs to be filed, lifetime ban from any future assistance, send the report to the auditor for their review/ action, and discuss with Veteran Service Prosecutor’s representative for any further action needed.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Reimer

5-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Vietnam Wall Progress - The prosecutor is reviewing the contract while initial meetings have been established with one already commencing. Preliminary development of assigning leads to specific functions of the overall team was created.

Dave Hyatt, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Crile, and Director Galligher are the personnel on the initial committee overseeing this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans Parade is preparing for 2024. Next meeting is scheduled to meet on Jan 10th, 2024 at 7 pm @ Co-Hatch to beginning the planning process.

Director Galligher was placed on military orders in 2023 causing him to miss some CVS0 education requirements. A waiver can be given but needs approval from the board.

Motion-23-1226-07 to provide Director Galligher a waiver allowing him to maintain his certification as a CVS0.

1st Hyatt

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Veterans Services and Delco Transit maintain a contract to coordinate transportation of veterans that need transportation when veteran’s services cannot meet the demand. This contract is an annual renewal.

Motion – 23-1226-08 to renew the contract between Veterans Service Transportation and Delco Transit maintaining a max amount of \$5,500.00 to be spent per month for transportation needs.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Bob Coy made the request if Veterans Services could/ would assist with covering the cost of pizza's purchased to support veteran's meet and greet events at the three area nursing homes.

MOTION -23-1226-09 to provide pizza's to up to three nursing homes with pizza each month for the first quarter of 2024 not to exceed a total of \$200.00 per month.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

2024 annual increases.

MOTION -23-1226-10 to approve a cost of living increase to all Veterans Service's staff members at the rate of 4% increase.

1st Ray 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 Vote PASSED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report but a question was posed asking, what is the status of the proposal of the increase in manpower and services provided? A short discussion ensued with the board agreeing that the director should move forward with developing job descriptions for the people required in the proposal. More discussions will occur in the coming months.

NEXT MEETING: January 8th, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. - At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)

Motion - 23-1226-11 Motion to adjourn the meeting **1957 hrs.**

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