

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF April 8th 2024 REDACTED

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes: 1733 hrs.

**MOTION – 24-0408-01** to approve the minutes from the March 25th, 2024 meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Santiago Foos          2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt          5-0 Vote          PASSED**

**MOTION -24-0408-02** to move into executive session          1736hrs

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray          2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos          5-0 Vote          PASSED**

Discussed four financial requests

**MOTION- 24-0408-03** return to public session          1910 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reimer          2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt          5-0 Vote          PASSED**

**MOTION – 24-0408-04** to approve an income waiver for Veteran REDACTED

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt          2<sup>nd</sup> Reimer          5-0 Vote          PASSED**

**MOTION – 24-0408-05 to approve paying Veteran REDACTED rent and providing him with \$200.00 dollars in Meijer cards.**

**1st Hyatt**

**2nd Reimer**

**5-0 Vote**

**PASSED**

**MOTION – 24-0408-06 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for additional funds allowed over the annual limit.**

**1st Reimer**

**2nd Hyatt**

**4-1 vote**

**PASSED**

**MOTION-24-0408-07 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for granting requests greater than the annual amount.**

**1st Reimer**

**2nd Hyatt**

**4-1 Vote**

**PASSED**

**MOTION-24-0408-08 to approve Veteran REDACTED up to \$1,002.00 to pay for her rent and to re-establish her car / renters insurance policy.**

**1st Hyatt**

**2nd Reimer**

**4-1 Vote**

**PASSED**

**MOTION -24-0408-09 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for granting a request greater than her annual amount.**

**1st Hyatt**

**2nd Santiago- Foos**

**5-0 Vote**

**PASSED**

**MOTION – 24-0408-10 to approve Veteran REDACTED with 1 month's rent plus \$400.00 in Meijer gift cards.**

**1st Hyatt**

**2nd Reimer**

**5-0 Vote**

**PASSED**



**Being Asked: Judge Hemmeter**

**Rey Cordero**

**Cliff Moore – Dentist**

**Director: Lorain County contacted to discuss credit card use. Found that 2022 the language allowed cards. Auditors Association became involved and changed the language. Will discuss with Lorain County to obtain the Lorain County policies as requested by the Delaware County Auditor's Office.**

**Expansion of Veteran Services – Do we need an Exploratory Committee? Get with a Realtor? New Location?**

**New Positions wanted: PIO/ Outreach / Additional VSO / Paid Intern**

**TRIPS: Similar to Honor Flight – back to the museum with guardians / spouses? 2 max per year: AF Museum, Baseball game to cincy, Dayton, or Columbus on Veterans Night.**

**Intern: work on the Cemetery Project**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Financial Policy needs to be updated:**

**Recommended to do it in chunks.**

**Director's Report**

**Presented a travel policy that allows the Commission to control the travel of all Veteran Service Workers and to follow the Federal Guidelines already established. The previous was similar except several items were open to interpretation.**

**A heavy discussion ensued between the two documents.**

**MOTION -24-0408-11 to approve the NEW Travel policy as written.**

**1st Ray      2nd Reimer      5-0      PASSED**

**NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)**

**Motion – 24-0408-12 Motion to adjourn the meeting 2051 hrs.**

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



MOTION – 24-0422-05 to approve a waiver for exceeding the annual award threshold for veteran spouse REDACTED.

1st Hyatt

2nd Reimer

5-0 Vote

PASSED

MOTION – 24-0422-06 to approve \$200.00 dollars in Meijer cards to veteran spouse REDACTED.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Reimer

5-0 vote

PASSED

MOTION-24-0422-07 to table veteran REDACTED request for HVAC system replacement until additional information is obtained.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Reimer

5-0 Vote

PASSED

MOTION-24-0422-08 to approve veteran REDACTED up to the remaining maximum life-time amount of \$15,000 for rent and water.

1st Hyatt

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

Grady hospital: – still awaiting response to Bill

A request was made to replace a flagpole at veteran's house damaged by the tornado. It was determined that this is not within the scope of financial assistance from the VSC, but would be communicated to the posts.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Director's Report

Presented travel requests for Apostolec, Cordero, and Upperman.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reimer**

**4-1 Vote**

**PASSED**

Discussed the current plan that was being created by Commissioners Ray and Santiago-Foos and Director Galligher. The plan was discussed with nothing additional for 2025 to add. Director Galligher will create a budget for next meeting based on the plan for 2025 to discuss at the next VSC meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 13, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)

**Motion – 24-0422-10** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1901 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reimer 2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos**

**5-0 vote**

**PASSED**