

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF January 8th, 2024 (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	Present (left for another meeting- 1815)
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY : President Reimer at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

1733 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0108-01 to approve the minutes from Dec 26th meeting.

1st McAllister

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Director's Report

Veteran Services 2024 Approval of Purchases was presented to the board. A discussion occurred explaining the list is what was paid for in 2023. This list has been tweaked to accommodate increases due to inflation. The director asked if there is anything additional that should be on the list. There was nothing added.

Veteran Services

2024 Approval of purchases

NAME	Amount
Stock hands Horses for Healing - Funding Veteran's Nights	\$36,000
Forever Grateful Dinner at the Fair	\$12,000
Veterans' Day Breakfast	\$8,000
Veterans' Day Parade	\$8,000
Brush pile Veterans' Fishing Tournament	\$1,000
National Veterans Memorial Rental	\$2,500

Q FM 96	\$20,000
National Cinmedia	\$9,000
ABC6 - Sinclair Communications	\$15,000
WBNS 97.1 the Fan	\$16,000
North American Broadcasting 99.7 the Blitz	\$20,000
ICS Communications	\$8,200
Charter Communications	\$12,000
National Conference - Lisa	\$2,000
The Wall That Heals – Contract and Rentals for the event	\$25,000
2024 Bus Trips	\$10,000
2024 Vet Shoot Day	\$700
2024 Wreaths Across America	\$700

MOTION -24-0108-02 to approve the 2024 Approval of Purchases document as written.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Andrew will be coming next meeting to discuss transportation in detail. He will explain where we are today and the expected growth / activity for the future. Plan on taking 30 minutes or so to listen to a presentation and discuss.

The Director presented to the Delaware County Library Branch Managers on what the office does for veterans and provided them our brochure. About 20 people were in attendance with a lot of good questions and dialogue.

Sunbury and Ashley was not involved. Requested to have a point of contact from the board.

Discussed the Vietnam wall – briefed on where the committee is and a couple of meetings have commenced with additional scheduled. Logistics and volunteers were the first topics to address with Promos / communication / budget/ ceremonies to be future focal points.

Need Volunteers – up to 192 of them to cover the 24 hr. operation.

Website will appear soon! Start to communicate so that the wall is coming and volunteers are needed.

The director is leaving right after the director's report to attend Powell Trustee meeting to discuss the wall. The director will also be presenting at the county commissioners meeting on Thursday January 11th 2024.

Heroes Ball – Stock hands is developing a formal event scheduled for April 27th 2024. This project is to honor the bravery, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment for first responders, military personnel, and veterans.

Sponsorship opportunities exists- Stock hands may come in at a future date to discuss this opportunities.

Nominations are being taken currently. See flyer for details.

MOTION- 24-0108-03 to enter into executive session.	1808 hrs.
1st Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote	PASSED

Discussed one financial request

MOTION – 24-0108-04 to return to public Session	1835 hrs.
1st Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote	PASSED

MOTION – 24-0108-05 to not move on the financial request for Veteran REDACTED but revisit and reassess when the veteran has more definitive needs.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote	PASSED
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Social Service Officer - Activity Report (official)								2023					
December													
#	Denied	Veteran	F/A	Comm	Approved	Meijer	Dental	Burial	Hotel	Annual #	Lifetime req	Lifetime \$\$	
1			\$323.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$323.12	2.00	2.00	\$715.48	
2			\$1,925.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	1.00	\$1,925.39	
3			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	2.00	\$4,470.00	
4			\$682.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	4.00	8.00	\$6,212.36	
5			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	3.00	\$4,625.83	
6			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	5.00	\$10,291.96	
7			\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	3.00	\$5,939.07	
8			\$2,334.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	1.00	\$2,334.00	
9			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	1.00	\$200.00	
10			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	6.00	\$4,456.23	
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12			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	5.00	\$2,802.16	
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			\$ 6,215.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.12				
			Total exp - This month							Total exp - Year			
			\$ 9,738.57							285,764.58			

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations are due – short discussion ensued.

MOTION – 24-0108-06 nominate the following board member and position:

John McAllister – President

Christine Santiago-Foos – Vice President

Merlin Reimer – Secretary

1st Ric Ray 2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

Passed

Positions take effect at next meeting

Wreaths Across America has a deal going until Jan 16th 2024 where if you purchase 2 wreaths for regular price, they will add 2 additional wreaths.

MOTION -24-0108-07 to provide up to \$700.00 to purchase 41 wreaths from Wreaths Across America.

1st Ric Ray

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

Passed

Veteran Companion Animal Services (VCAS) is a local group providing companion dogs to veterans. Consideration in supporting this event should be done. A short discussion with Dave Hyatt to reach out and have someone from the organization come to a board meeting to discuss the organization and explain what and how they provide these animals.

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

Motion - 24-0108-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting

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1st Hyatt

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

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Andrew Apostolec		Presented: Transportation Update

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

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MOTION – 24-0122-01 to approve the minutes from the Jan 8th 2024 meeting with minor changes.

1st Hyatt

2nd Reimer

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Special Guest: Andrew Apostolec (VSO Transportation) presented on the overall operation of the transportation portion of Veterans Services by comparing 2021, 2022, and 2023 stats. Then provide his vision on where 2024 will take the organization and the needs of the section.

Presentation began at 1740 hrs. Ended 1823 hrs.

MOTION -24-0122-02 to move into executive session 1824 hrs.

1st Hyatt

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Discussed 4 financial requests

MOTION- 24-0122-03 return to public session 1912 hrs.

1st Reimer

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 Vote

PASSED

MOTION – 24-0122-04 to pay \$3,857.32 for Veteran REDACTED mortgage (1 month)

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago - Foos 4-1 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-0122-05 to create a waiver allowing for REDACTED to receive a 5th assistance in an annual cycle and to go over the \$7,500.00 annual cap.

1st Hyatt 2nd Reimer 4-1 Vote PASSED

Motion – 24-0122-06 to pay \$430.69 for REDACTED electric bill (2 months)

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Reimer 4-1 Vote Passed

Motion – 24-0122-07 to pay up to \$1,600.00 for REDACTED medical bill and filling of heating oil after social service officer confirms it needs replaced.

1st Hyatt 2nd Reimer 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 24-0122-08 due to a pending eviction slated for Jan 25th, approve up to \$3,000.00 for REDACTED to cover current rent, past rent, and fees associated with the potential eviction.

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

Request-24-0122-09 No motion brought forward

OLD BUSINESS

Oak Grove Cemetery – wanted an update on the funds that were approved for the veteran section – per director, the legal documents are in between the city law department and our law department; coming up with a proper document.

NEW BUSINESS:

Question asked about if there is a problem with the PIV cards. Answer – Yes, county IT is working with VA to correct the error.

Director's Report

Director Galligher presented at LEADERSHIP DELAWARE alongside Stock hands, Source point, and Sarah Moore. Presentation went well – good opportunity to get what we do out to the community.

THE WALL – committee is transitioning from educational (meeting with national team members digitally) to creative (meeting with group leaders) to take the suggestions for a successful program and make them work in Delaware County. Meetings will continue with more people. ANYONE wanting to be a part of this team, let Director Galligher know.

Most difficult – logistically getting all the potential schools to attend.

More to follow in the coming weeks.

HEROES Ball – Will invite Tim Funk from Stock hands to discuss this new annual event. Suggested to bring Barb Lyon with him.

Salvation Army- Brian and Bill will be going with their group to seek out homeless veterans with in Delaware County. The operation is scheduled for Jan 23, 2024 beginning at 8 pm and going to 1 or 2 in the am.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)

Motion – 24-0122-10 Motion to adjourn the meeting

1738 hrs.

1st Ray

2nd Reimer

5-0 vote

PASSED