

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF March 11th 2024 - REDACTED

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| <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>  |                 |                |
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** :President McAllister at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes: 1733 hrs.

**MOTION – 24-0311-01** to approve the minutes from the Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting.

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

**MOTION -24-0311-02 to move into executive session                      1737hrs**

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

Discussed 1 financial requests

Updated on veteran with water outage

**MOTION- 24-0311-03 return to public session                      1814 hrs.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**No Report:**

**Director's Report**

**Budget is 2 months out. To help understand where Veteran Services is with what is provided to the veterans, the director presented a budget analysis showing the growth of the budget vs the allowed millage usage, Transportation data, Financial Assistance data, and claim filings. The growth has almost a 300% increase in all categories from initial data collections beginning in 2018. Projected continues to exponentially grow.**

**Part time Drivers:**

**2 people have been interviewed. 1 will most likely be offered the permanent part time position. A current part time driver is off dealing with a family emergency. When feasible, a determination will be made to see who will take the other permanent part time position and the other will get the contingent position.**

**Wall:**

**Outreach subcommittee has been very active. Once a meeting is scheduled, a full update will be given. Most likely at the next meeting.**

**NEXT MEETING: March 25th, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)**

**Motion – 24-0311-05 Motion to adjourn the meeting**

**1854 hrs.**

**1st Reimer**

**2nd Hyatt**

**5-0 vote**

**PASSED**

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 11<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Heroes Ball – Stock hands is developing a formal event scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Discussed one financial request

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

**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.

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt      2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister      5-0 Vote</b> | <b>PASSED</b> |
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| Christine Santiago Foos – | Vice President  | <b>Present</b> |
| Merlin Reimer -           | Secretary       | <b>Excused</b> |
| Dave Hyatt -              | Member          | <b>Present</b> |
| Richard Ray -             | Member          | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Veteran Services</b>   |                 |                |
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President McAllister at 1730. .

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes: 1733 hrs.

**MOTION – 24-0325-01** to approve the minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED**

**MOTION -24-0325-02 to move into executive session                      1736hrs.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray                      2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED**

Discussed one financial requests

**MOTION- 24-0325-03 return to public session                      1823 hrs.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Santiago-Foos                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED**



## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Grady hospital: – Recognition of Veterans

The volunteer coordinator – Vicki Rogers sent an email that she needs to talk OhioHealth Veteran Business Resource Group.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioners' attended their annual training. A lot of information was disseminated. Discussed credit cards. Lorain Co. has them and will be talking with this county and AG's office to see what needs to be done.

Discussed expansion of the office. With the expected growth of the county, anticipated growth of additional people to have an efficient office, an idea to explore moving the office to a larger space.

The expansion discussion segued to Director's Galligher's presentation a few meetings ago regarding increasing the office staff with an additional CVSO and other positions. The discussion is to continue upon this when all commissioners are present. (Next meeting).

## **Director's Report**

Budget – provided additional information on budget.

Part time Drivers:

2 people have been interviewed. Allen Smotherman is the first choice to hire.

**Motion – 24-0325-05** To Hire Allen Smotherman as a permanent part time driver.

1<sup>st</sup> Ray

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

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PASSED

## **Recent Tornado**

Director Galligher has assisted the EMA office with regards to this emergency.

Galena, Ohio was hit the hardest in the county. Bill attended an event 9am to 3 pm event at the Galena Township offices to help to connect veteran who suffered damage with potential financial assistance.

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

**Motion – 24-0325-06** Motion to adjourn the meeting

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

**4-0 vote**

**PASSED**