

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Sept 9th, 2024 REDACTED

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1734.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1736 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0909-01 to approve the minutes from the Aug 26th, 2024 meeting.

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

MOTION -24-0909-02 to move into executive session at 1737 hrs.

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

Discussed 2 financial request

MOTION- 24-0909-03 return to public session at 1844 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-0909-04 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for funds greater than \$7,500.00 in an annual cycle

1st Hyatt 2nd No Vote FAILED

Did not move forward due to a failure of getting a 2nd.

Thurs and Fri– Overflow parking will be at the Frontier Property on Liberty Rd
Saturday – overflow parking will be at Hyatts Middle School
Shuttle busses will be provided by Delco Transit

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Jodrey passed away. He was a previous Post Commander for VFW post 8736 and District Commander.

Visitation will be Friday Sept 13th with Funeral Service Saturday Sept 14th

Discussed having a trip to Grimes Field o Champaign Aviation Museum later in 2024 as a day outing. Lunch / Dinner included.

MOTION – 24-0909-06 to look into the ability to offer a trip via bus for veterans, disabled veterans, and spouses to Champaign Co. Aviation Museum.

1st Hyatt 2nd Reimer 5-0 Vote PASSED

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Motion – 24-0909-07 to purchase customized veteran related benches to support the traveling wall. Veterans Services of Delaware County will cover the cost of each bench for each Delaware County Military Organization that orders. The funds will be covered by using the Memorial Day fund (\$500.00) for 2025 allotted to each organization and the remaining funds will come from Veteran Services’ appropriate account. Once the benches are done being displayed at the Traveling wall, each Military Organization will own their bench and will be expected to place in an appropriate spot to support veterans.

1st Reimer 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote Passed

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING: Sept 23rd, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-0909-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1917 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 4-0 vote PASSED

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Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Scott Leonard	Deputy Director	Present
Andrew Apostolec	Transportation	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0923-01 to approve the minutes from the Sept 9, 2024 meeting.

1st Reimer 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -24-0923-02 to move into executive session at 1736 hrs.

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

Discussed 1 financial request

1 personnel matter

MOTION- 24-0923-03 return to public session at 1826 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-0923-04-01 to approve REDACTED a waiver for funds greater than \$7,500.00 in an annual cycle

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-0923-04-02 to approve REDACTED to receive \$2,016.00 for

His rent.

1st Hyatt

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

Bus Trip to Urbana

Discussed the bus trip to Urbana, Ohio. To move forward more definitive details need to be finalized so that we can get a good quote from a bus company. Lacking dates, times, and amount of people....stops any quotes to be provided. That said, A local bus company was contacted by a cold call asking hypotheticals. Initial financials looks like about 1800 dollars for a bus.

The café that we wanted to eat at stated they can handle 30 people at a time. Splitting the time between the museum and the café may allow more flexibility.

The museum suggest a Tuesday, Thursday or a Saturday. This is when most of the volunteers are there working on their tasks. They suggest to call ahead to make sure volunteers are prepared for the group(s).

After a discussion with the board – It appears Nov 7th is the date. Split veterans in two groups- Group A to the café Group B to the Museum then switch.

Communication with FC Veteran Services

Reviewed the response from Franklin County. The board requested a full disclosure of the email chain from the initial request to present to discuss in a multi county commissioner meeting / training in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board requested if there has been any update from the Prosecutor's office regarding the question: Can Veteran Services rent/ Lease/ own property.

The deputy director stated that he did have an email exchange (on or near Sept 19th) with Vince Villio. There was nothing concrete provided but when their communication mentioned that a CVSO needs privacy due to protected medical information, the response he received from Vince Villio is that is a game changer. The deputy director could not expand on what that meant. The board requested the Deputy Director to send them this email exchange.

New position(s):

The interviews went well. In fact the competition was so close that 2nd interviews were completed to make sure the best candidate was going to receive an offer. A list was established for each position and an offer is pending based upon the board's direction.

The top candidate for the CVSO position inquired if the pay rate of \$21-\$25 could be increased. Since the top candidate has years of experience the candidate was wondering if the pay could be increased to match the experience.

The board discussed. The candidate on their first interview stated they were ok with the pay range. The board came to a final conclusion that no change in pay scale would be offered at this time.

A secondary discussion was brought up where if a second CVSO position could be entertained due to the amount of time it takes to bring someone up to speed to function solely as a CVSO and the potential that a retirement is pending within the next year.

The board agrees that a second CVSO position will need to be entertained but at the present time...due in part of the amount of room the office has. The second position will have to be placed on the back burner.

Motion -24-0923-05 move to offer the position/ follow the hiring process for the recent interview(s) for the Certified Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) and Social Service Enrichment and Outreach Coordinator (SSEOC) to the candidates that the interview committee has chosen most appropriate for each position.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Leonard had nothing additional to share publicly. He requested the board to enter into executive session again to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION -24-0923-06 to move into executive session at 1906 hrs.

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

Discussed a personnel matter

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

An attendee of the public meeting – Jeff Hill stated two things:

Kudos to everyone who made the WALL THAT HEALS a success!

He asked if it would be prudent to have an after action meeting to discuss the Veterans portion of the Delaware County Fair. His experience is in Project Management and would like the opportunity to review and improve the veteran portion of the event for next year.

NEXT MEETING: Oct 14th, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-0923-07 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1954 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED