

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF July 08th 2024 REDACTED

<b>Commissioners</b>		
John McAllister -	President	<b>Present</b>
Christine Santiago Fooks –	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>		
Mike Draper –	Veterans Court	

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

**MOTION – 24-0708-01** to approve the minutes from the June 24th, 2024 meeting.

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

**Guest:      Mike Draper- Veterans Court**

Mike took a few moments to introduce himself to the commission and provided a verbal bio to his experience. He then asked if there were any questions from the commission and there were none.

Welcome Aboard as the new Veterans Court Coordinator

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The wall:

Benches have been decided: 5 or 6 ft, 3 colors combo, inlayed on back letters went out to all organizations supporting veterans

Orders need to be in by Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>. July 15<sup>th</sup>, ORDER will be placed.

**MOTION – 24-0610-05** to approve a waiver for an additional annual request above the 4 allowed by policy for Veteran REDACTED

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

**MOTION – 24-0610-06** to approve the requested \$2,400 for Veteran REDACTED to cover rent owed to the landlord.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt    2<sup>nd</sup> Reimer    3-2- Vote    Passed**

**Special Guest:**

Justin Nahvi – Director of Finance for Delaware County came to the meeting to discuss the budget in regards to the additional request being included for the 2025 budget for an anticipated move to a bigger location closer to the VA- CBOC that is coming to Delaware.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Director Galligher presented additional projections regarding the growth of Veteran Services through now to until 2029. The data presented was a calculation of linear and exponential growth based on “best fit linear regressions”. Also the feeling is if the office moves closer to the “new” C-BOC that the office will become even busier. This data displays the need for expansion and due to the space Veteran Services is currently in, a move is prudent.

The powerpoint that Director Galligher used to discuss this is to be sent only to the Service Commission for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moving is needed. The commission discussed and made a point to develop a spreadsheet showing how much space is anticipated to be required for the office to function with the expected growth. After developing the amount of square footage needed (minus hallway space) the commission made a motion for the director to approach the county administrator to advise what space is needed for Veterans Services to operate efficiently.

Discussed the potential move specific to the location near the upcoming VA CBOC. More movement will occur after the meeting with County Commissioner Merrell.

Director Galligher was asked to set up a meeting between Tracy, Aric, Dawn, and a representation from the board.

**Director's Report**

NO REPORT

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

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

**Motion - 24-0708-05** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1908 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Santiago-Foos      2<sup>nd</sup> Reimer      5-0 vote      PASSED**

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## REGULAR MEETING OF July 22nd, 2024 REDACTED

Commissioners		
John McAllister -	President	Present
Christine Santiago Foos –	Vice President	Present
Merlin Reimer -	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
Speaking Guest(s)		

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President McAllister at 1729.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

**MOTION – 24-0722-01** to approve the minutes from the July 08<sup>th</sup> , 2024 meeting.

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

**MOTION -24-0722-02** to move into executive session at 1738hrs.

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

Discussed 3 financial Requests

**MOTION- 24-0722-03** return to public session at 1837 hrs.

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

**MOTION – 24-0722-04** to approve a waiver to surpass the \$7,500.00 annual limit for a veteran per policy

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

**MOTION – 24-0722-04-01** to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive a total of \$2,751.26 worth of assistance: \$2,075.25 Rent, \$100.00 Meijer Car, and \$576.02 in electric.

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

**MOTION – 24-0722-05** to approve veteran REDACTED with up to \$1,500.00 in material cost for a new wooden ramp and cost of a building permit.

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

**MOTION – 24-0722-06** to approve to assist Veteran REDACTED up to \$5,550.00 to cover the mitigation of bed bugs in his apartment and car along with cost to remain in a hotel while the mitigation is completed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Job Descriptions:

Discussion ensued and wanted to know what, if any changes were made between the two different CVSO job descriptions? No changes known, will make sure the director provides upon his return.

Outreach:

Discussion ensued due in part the position was vague and outreaching to other responsibilities. Explained that since this is a new position the candidate will have the ability to find the successes and failures and enhance the successes. Also it appears outreaching because there may be downtime in the beginning where the candidate may have the time to experience other aspects of the services offered.

**MOTION – 24-0722-07** to accept the job descriptions as written and post them as soon as possible.

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

**MOTION – 24-0722-08** to return to Executive session                      1857 hrs.

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

Discussed Personnel

**MOTION – 24-0722-09** to return to Public Session 1910 hrs.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Anonymous donation – Specifically for the benches for the wall project.  
Policy // process (Hyatt) through auditor’s office.

**MOTION – 24-0722-10** to accept donation money to go towards the bench project for the wall.

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

Wall yard signs coming soon

Commissioner Santiago-Foos provided and update on growth of the county and Commissioner Merrill’s conversation

Commissioners have training this weekend. Unfortunately Commissioner McAllister will not be able to attend.

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

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

**Motion – 24-0722-11** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1942 hrs.

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