

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF June 10th, 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	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		
Justin Nahvi – Director of Finance		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1735 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0610-01 to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2024 meeting.

1st Reimer 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -24-0610-02 to move into executive session at 1736hrs.

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

Discussed 2 financial Requests

MOTION- 24-0610-03 return to public session at 1835 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-0610-04 to approve \$2,463.44 for Veteran REDACTED only if the veteran qualifies to receive unemployment.

1st Ray 2nd Reimer 5-0 Vote PASSED

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

1st Hyatt 2nd 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.

1st Hyatt 2nd 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.

MOTION 24-0610-07 to authorize the director of Veterans Service the ability to discuss with the county administrator the needs of Veteran Service as it pertains to the square footage requirement for expanding the service model of organization. The discussion is inform the county of a new build concept need and to gain their help in looking for a new spot.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Director's Report

The WALL that HEALS – Friday May 14th the entire group working on this project is meeting to discuss where the group is currently with the project.

Oak Grove Cemetery

They are working on the concrete work that Veterans Services helped with funding (\$12,800.00). There is a large monument and some unmarked benches. The cemetery has requested some direction in regards what to do with them?

Flag Poles – The cemetery said they can give the poles to an organization directly. Whichever military organization wants them will need to request.

The ARBORS would like one and the VVA stated they could use three of them.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

June 14th is FLAG DAY – A flag burning ceremony will be commence at 10 am at Oak Grove Cemetery.

NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-0610-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2050 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

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Christine Santiago Foos – 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)	
Justin Nahvi – Director of Finance	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0624-01 to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2024 meeting.

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

MOTION -24-0624-02 to move into executive session at 1734hrs.

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

Discussed 5 financial Requests

MOTION- 24-0624-03 return to public session at 1800 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-0624-04 to approve up to \$3,200.00 for Veteran REDACTED to cover Rent and the remainder to go towards the repair of his vehicle.

1st Ray 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-0624-05 to approve a \$100.00 Meijer Card and to craft and deliver a letter explaining there is an abundant food supply via pantries in Delaware County for Veteran REDACTED

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

MOTION – 24-0624-06 to approve Veteran Redacted \$400.00 in Meijer cards, and \$100.36 dollars to cover a medical bill and a utility bill.

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

MOTION – 24-0624-07 this motion was for Veteran REDACTED. No Motion was moved forward.

MOTION – 24-0624-08 to approve to pay up to \$4,139.47 to Veteran REDACTED for upcoming bills that are due this month.

Special Guest:

Justin Nahvi – Director of Finance for Delaware County came to the meeting to discuss the county budget and the request from the county to reduce Veteran Services Commission’s budget by the amount that was included for an anticipated move to a larger/ more efficient location.

NOTE: Mr. Nahvi did state that when these funds are actually needed, the VSC can have the funds added back into their budget later in the year.

After a discussion between the board and Mr. Nahvi, a motion was moved forward.

MOTION – 24-0624-09 to approve removing funds from the budget by \$327,000.00. This amount is earmarked for an anticipated move to a larger more efficient location. This motion confirms the understanding between the VSC and Mr. Nahvi that these funds, when needed, will easily be transferred back to the VSC for use in the move.

1st Ray 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

The wall:

The website is up and running. Flyers are printed – they are available, take some and distribute to appropriate places.

Teachers are expected to help with the school tours

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! A variety of positions are available.

Cannot collect any donations; other than to support the traveling wall.

Benches: Due to the way “The wall” is set up benches are needed for people to have the ability to sit down and reflect and remember. Recommendation was for 4 to be available.

An idea was brought up is that a “bench” style /design be identified and that VSC would pay 50% for the bench. Each Military Organization in Delaware County could purchase the bench and add their own logo to the bench. Once the event is over, the organization that purchased, would own the bench and do whatever with that bench.

Ideas were discussed: Place at Oak Grove Cemetery or any other cemetery in the County.

The board members were going to look at options for benches and coordinate the ideas through Director Galligher prior to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NO Report

Director's Report

Mash Pantry – MOVING JUNE 27th

Found a new location- 562 Pennsylvania Avenue

They are moving and opening 5 days a week. They need the following items to function appropriately.

Forklift – \$40,633.00

Rental – \$1,528.08 per week via Sunbelt rental

Shelf kit – \$1,390.00 for 7 units

Commercial Freezer – \$4,380.65

Refrigerator – \$2,558.00

Key Fob system – \$5,000.00

Director Galligher will be following up with MASH Pantry leadership.

Memorial Day – Idea – Maybe the organizations authorized reimbursement could collectively pool their money together and work on a project as a solidified group, Enhancing the community by supporting veterans throughout the county.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

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

Motion – 24-0624-10 Motion to adjourn the meeting at **1921 hrs.**

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