

MOTION – 24-1007-05 to approve Director Galligher to reach out to Equity Real Estate Solutions to determine potential move costs, approximate renovation costs, and timelines at 1951 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASSED

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

Motion – 24-1007-06 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1954 hrs.

1st Hyatt

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF October 14, 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)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

MOTION – 24-1014-01 to approve the minutes from the Sept 23, 2024 meeting and the special meeting from October 7th, 2024.

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

MOTION -24-1014-02 to move into executive session at 1734 hrs.

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

Discussed 2 financial requests

MOTION- 24-1014-03 return to public session at 1830 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-1014-04-01 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for funds greater than the threshold for a family of 5

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

MOTION – 24-1014-04-02 to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$3,833.61 for

His mortgage, Electric, water, and Gas bills plus two Meijer gift cards.

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

MOTION – 24-1014-05-01 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for funds greater than the household income for a family of 4.

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

Motion -24-1014-05-02 to approve Veteran REDACTED with two months of Mortgage Assistance totaling \$7,623.92

1st Santiago –Foos 2nd McAllister 4-1- vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Bus Trip to Urbana

The bus trip is scheduled for Nov 7th. To complete this process a few things needs to be approved. The payment of the bus, food, and tips for the bus driver and wait staff.

MOTION – 24-1014-06 to approve up to \$2,500.00 to cover the bus transportation and food for the veteran’s lunch.

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

The tip for the Bus driver will be provided for by the DAV

The tip for the wait staff at the restaurant will be provided by the VFW Post 8736.

Expansion

Tracie and Aric want/ need a decision regarding what Veteran Services are wanting to do regarding the expansion of the office – Work with county to be included in a new build or go off on own and build/ purchase/ lease a place on their own?

Initially the board was told they could NOT be included in the new build at the Byxbe complex but later the board is able to participate.

Board discussed in detail and could not come up with a final answer. Asked if they could provide an answer at their next board meeting scheduled for October 28th. Commissioner Ray and Reimer stated they would not be able to attend the next meeting but would provide feedback prior to of their opinion on what they would like to do.

Some thoughts during the discussion

10,000 square ft needed
On the first floor if possible
Storage availability
Think of future growth

Commissioner Santiago Foos has a commercial Real Estate person willing to show a place that is 10,000 square ft. decided to meet at 0845. Commissioner Reimer and Director Galligher confirmed attendance.

Veteran Women's group

Karen oversees the Women's veteran group. She requested to have another event to host. She requested the commercial site – RISE. To rent the space it costs \$80 per hour.

MOTION 24-1014-07 To approve up to \$750.00 to cover the rental cost for a venue for the veterans women's group to have their event.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote passed

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cemetery Intern

A job description was created by the director to cover the job expectation for a part time intermittent employee to collect information from ALL cemeteries in Delaware County where Veterans are buried for future reference. He passed this document around.

In the meantime, a motion was initiated to approve the hiring by Commissioner Ray, but was never completed. Based upon the view of the rest of the board, the Group wanted to review the job description first.

Email received – DC Commissioner Merrill

An email was received and forwarded to Director Galligher from County Commissioner Merrill where funds have been requested to support the Fallen

Heroes Memorial in Sunbury, Ohio. They are seeking \$1,000,000.00 for upkeep and up-grades.

This was passed along to Veteran Services. Commissioner Santiago-Foos is aware of some funds available from the stated, closed to 70K. She will become the point of contact and dig into what is occurring and what is needed for a future discussion.

Veteran – “of the year” and “Friend of the Veteran”

“Of the year”

There was only one submission for veteran of the year, which will be Ken Davenport. Prior to finalizing this submission, Director Galligher is to confirm he has not won this designation in the past. Per policy, you cannot receive this more than once.

“Friend of the veteran”

There were three nominations for this year.

Margo Litke

Amanda Plumbing

Michelle E. Lewis

Director Galligher read the nominations to the board and then asked for their vote. The commission discussed the nominations and then the board finally came to a final decision with a 4 to 1 vote for Amanda Plumbing.

NOTE: the board confirmed each submission is deserving of the designation. They discussed recognizing two or all three. After a dialogue a vote happened to maintain only one group/person is to be recognized each year. They confirmed that these submission should be saved so in the event there are no submissions the prior year could be included.

Executive Session

The director requested to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter

MOTION 24-1014-08 to enter into executive session at 1959 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos

2nd Reimer

5-0 vote

PASSED

MOTION 24-1014-09 to go back to public session at 2013 hrs.

1st Santiago- Foos

2nd Reimer

5-0 Vote

PASSED

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: Oct 28th, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-1014-10 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2015 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF October 28, 2024 REDACTED

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

MOTION – 24-1028-01 to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Hyatt 3-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -24-1028-02 to move into executive session at 1734 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Hyatt 3-0 Vote PASSED

Discussed 2 financial requests

MOTION- 24-1028-03 return to public session at 1804 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Hyatt 3-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-1028-04-02 to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$42.02 to cover the veteran's current AEP bill.

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago-Foos 3-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-1028-05 to approve Veteran REDACTED \$1,061.00 to cover the Veteran's current rent

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago-Foos 3-0 Vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Expansion

Additional discussion occurred regarding a future move of the office. The VSC and County Commissioners continue to discuss. Many questions continue to surface. Continued dialogue will continue to establish the best plan for Veteran Services to provide their services.

Bus Trip to Urbana

The trip is coming soon. So far there are about 22 people signed up to attend. Another push out to veterans will occur for one more time to get more veterans involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for November 11th. Since this is an official holiday for the County, the evening meeting needs to be moved.

MOTION – 24-1028-06 to move the regularly schedule Veteran Service Office Board meeting from November 11th, 2024 at 5:30PM to November 12th, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the same location – 91 North Sandusky St. Delaware Ohio 43015

1st McAllister 2nd Santiago-Foos 3-0 Vote PASSED

VCAS – Veteran Companion Animal Service

A local organization assisting veterans with service animals. A brief discussion regarding getting the leadership of the organization to an upcoming meeting to present what they do for the veteran community.

Commissioner Hyatt going to ask VCAS if they can come to the NOV 25th meeting to present on what they do.

Holiday gift cards

It was asked how the holiday Christmas card / gift card program was doing. Currently we are waiting on the 25 dollar cards to arrive. Once they do, all of the veterans who qualify / receive financial assistance will receive a Christmas card Meijer gift card(s) based off family size.

A discussion ensued if this program should be expanded to send out cards for Thanksgiving and then for Christmas. Ideas were discussed with the following motion presented and subsequently passed.

MOTION 24-1028-07 to authorize the purchase of \$25.00 gift cards to give out twice a year; prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas to veterans who have received financial assistance during that year. This program is continue from year to year.

1st McAllister 2nd Santiago-Foos 3-0 Vote PASSED

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Stockhands for Healing is considering requesting additional funds to cover the Veterans Night Sponsorship. Jon Bennehoof approached the director recently to discuss this as a possible request in the near future.

A discussion ensued where a couple of people have attended Veteran Night’s at Stockhands and stated the attendance to the regularly scheduled event is sporadically attended.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: Nov 12, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services). **See Motion 24-1028-06**

Motion – 24-1028-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1914 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago-Foos 3-0 vote PASSED