

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING OF April 2nd, 2025

Commissioners		
Christine Santiago Foos	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Absent
Ric Ray	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
John McAllister	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Absent
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1330.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

MOTION – 25-0402-01 to both contracts from Delco Transit for 1APR2024-31MAR2025 and 1APR2025- 31MAR2026.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -25-0402-02 to move into executive session at 1339hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION- 25-0402-03 to return to public session at 1541 hrs.

1st Hill 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote PASSED

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0402-04 to adjourn the meeting at 1542 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 4-0 vote PASSED

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REGULAR MEETING OF April 14th, 2025

Commissioners		
Christine Santiago Foos	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
Ric Ray	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
John McAllister	Member	Excused
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
Kim Gilley	Outreach	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		
Daughters of the American Revolution		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution and a representative from the City of Delaware Park and Rec office (Oak Grove Cemetery) were present to discuss their idea to have monuments constructed for the 250th Birthday of the United States and to recognize all veterans from Delaware County who are missing/ unaccounted for in a burial location. They desire the monuments to be constructed at Delaware County's three cities – City of Delaware, City of Sunbury, and the City of Powell.

Continuing talks are progressing with the city leaders and other interested parties. The reason for the meeting with the commission is they are looking for support and seed money to initiate the project. The belief is that if the commission support and provides seed money, that will motivate others to get behind the project and to find avenues to financial support the project as well.

The goal is to have meetings developing a plan that must be finalized by November 2025. The construction of the monuments take a year and the final goal is to have the monuments placed by November 2026.

MOTION – 25-0414-01 to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2025 meeting.

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 25-0414-01-01 to approve the minutes from the special meeting on April 2nd with one correction, fixing the dates on Motion 25-0402-01.

1st Hill 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote Passed

MOTION -25-0414-02 to move into executive session at 1822hrs.

1st Hill 2nd Hyatt 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION- 25-0414-03 to return to public session at 2004 hrs.

1st Hill 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote PASSED

Motion – 25-0414-04- 1 waiver a request for Veteran REDACTED assistance over the annual limit of \$7,500.

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0414-04-02 waiver a request for Veteran REDACTED assistance allowing for the 5th request.

1st Hill 2nd Hyatt 4-0 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0414-04-03 to approve Veteran REDACTED \$2,668.04 to pay for 2 months Mortgage

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 4-0 vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Motts Museum – After the visit to Motts museum occurred, the decision was to move forward with the following:

June 25th 2025 – A Veteran only bus trip from the Delaware County Fairgrounds with a pickup at 0900 hrs. By a bus and will transport up to 30 people (including chaperones) to Motts Museum and arrive around 1000 hrs. There will be guided tours provided and lunch will be served on site (outside unless inclement weather). After lunch the veterans can stroll the property to see anything of interest. The bus will pick up the Veterans up around 1:45 and return to Delaware Fairgrounds by 2:45 pm.

CBOC – The naming of the CBOC is still up in the air with different names offered. The commission told Kim G. to discuss at the next roundtable and finalize the name to submit to the State/ Federal authority responsible to getting this official named.

Clippers Game – The commission requested to do May 21st at 1205. Get up to 50 tickets with \$15.00 in clippers cash for each veteran and a bus.

Motion- 25-0414-05 to authorize the purchase of 50 entrance tickets, \$15.00 of food vouchers for each veteran, and a bus for transportation; not to exceed \$2,500.00.

1st Hyatt

2nd Hill

4-0 Vote

Passed

Airshow – At the last meeting the board approved the ability for the office to have a tent and advertisement at the event. The contract was received whereas it went to our legal department to review. At this meeting, the review was not sent back yet and just waiting for legal' s advice. There are deadlines that legal is aware of and stated it should be sent back soon.

VetFest- Scheduled for Sept 20th at Veteran Park. The YMCA, National Guard, and other organizations have shown interest in the event. More to follow after another organizational meeting is completed.

ArtFest – May 17 and May 18th – Kim G. and Rey will be handling the details to this event. There is a coloring contest designed to reach all ages with the tomb of the Unknown Soldier to be colored by the younger age groups. The older age groups will be asked to draw and color their own design.

The winners selected will have their artistry skills shown off at the Delaware County Fair

Laundry Love update – This group provided the first quarter of 2025 laundry services to 257 guest adding up to 655 loads of laundry. The cost of each load comes to \$10.12 per load. This does not include the donated food and laundry incidentals (Detergent, Softener, Bleach, and Dryer Sheets). The group identified the veteran demographic in this quarterly group where they found 17 household where the veteran was actually there or a veteran was in their household. This added up to 37 loads of laundry provided.

After discussing this with the commission, they would like to brainstorm how the commission can augment Laundry Love's commitment by identifying and providing funding to Laundry Love for the veteran community. A future discussion will be forthcoming with Laundry Love and Delaware County Veteran Service Staff.

Grady Hospital – The items were purchased that Veteran Services is going to provide Grady Hospital with. Brainteaser games IE word search, Crosswords, coloring books within the genre of the military. There will be tissues and other incidentals. Bags were purchased and just waiting for them to arrive. Once they do, they will be delivered for dispersion.

VETSHOOT – Still being work on with ODNR and the gun range. No date has been set but expected to be sometime late summer early fall most likely after the fair.

RAMPS – In a previous meeting there was a discussion where veteran are in need of a ramp to navigate the stairs but they don't qualify for VA assistance or can afford to purchase. Veteran Services found a solid solution but was informed that the ramps may cause a concern for the building department. A discussion ensued with the building department and as it turns out the building department is not the problem. Each entity's zoning department controls the use of these ramps. So in the original case presented, an application was submitted and waiting for a return answer. If it is approved, the commission will be approached to authorize the purchase of the ramp. This will be the case for any future request. The zoning departments of each entity will have to authorize the use of the semi-permanent ramps.

Heroes Ball – April 26th 2025 is the 2nd annual ball. Karen Kish, Kim Lemons, and Kim Gilley and their spouses will be attending the ball. There are two more place settings for other to attend. Stockhands asked for names.

Woman's Military Group requested if the commission would support a night of comedy at a local venue. The commission understood the request but not sure how this would work as requested. They asked the director to look into this with the auditor and expressed the idea of providing a set amount budgeted and let the group use it as appropriate. No answer was given...waiting on the feedback from the director.

NEW BUSINESS

CARDS – Veteran Services has purchase cards to recognize veteran clients and other as needed with the following type of cards:

Happy Birthday, Thank you! , Our Deepest Sympathy, and Sending well wishes!

Spring School – Andrew, Rey, Kim, and Derrick are scheduled to go to spring school. Andrew, Rey, and Kim are eligible to have a hotel. All of them are eligible for mileage, and per diem.

MOTION – 25-0414-06 authorizing the ability for the office staff going to Spring School to receive the appropriate travel expenses approved within policy.

1st Ray

2nd Hill

4-0 Vote

PASSED

The Daughters of the American Revolution and their endeavor to mark the 250th birthday of the United States and identify Delaware County Veteran that are unknown where they are buried. Three monuments hopefully located in the City of Delaware, Sunbury, and Powell. They asked for seed money to get the project off the ground.

MOTION- 25-0414-07 authorizing \$75,000 to be allocated to each monument that will be located at each City of Delaware County totaling \$225,000.00 of seed money and contingent with the ability of the Veteran Service Commission to develop a policy stipulating how a veteran is eligible to be added to the monument.

1st Ray

2nd Hill

4-0 Vote

PASSED

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Mandatory Meeting – April 23rd 2025 at 1600 hrs. There is an all-hands meeting with the Veteran Service Commission. They are seeking input on ideas pertaining to the office operations. This request is for everyone who works for Delaware County Veteran Services. **MANDATORY** – If you cannot make it, please inform your supervisor.

Office changing around – For the time being, this is on hold. The mandatory meeting may elicit more information.

Leasing of the building – This potential idea has not gone away. Further discussions continue with the next meeting slated for April 30th at 1 pm

The State of the County –April 29th. The Director is going to another meeting whereas he asked if the commission wanted to attend this event at the fairgrounds.

Budget ideas for 2026 – The director ask for ideas to start to formulate a budget for 2026. Two ideas brought up is hiring another CVSO and a Veterans Attorney to address Will and Estate planning on a contingent basis. Any other ideas need to get to Brian for upcoming consideration and planning.

OTHER items

Flag Box – Dave Hyatt stated that a flag box was going to be delivered to Veteran Services. Be on the lookout and let him know when it arrives.

VCAS : Veteran Companion Animal Service – Is having their annual GALA on May 17th they have a champion level for 500 dollars for 2 people and other items or single tickets for 125.00 per ticket.

Motion-25-0414-08 to approve the purchase of 4 tickets to attend the VCAS Gala in support of their endeavors.

1st Hyatt

2nd Ray

4-0 Vote

PASSED

Upcoming meetings:

April 28th 2025

May 12th 2025

May 19th 2025

NOTE: this has been changed due to the regularly scheduled meeting day was May 26th which is Memorial Day

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

A prayer for John McAllister was given by John Crouse based upon the concern for his wellbeing at this time.

Thank you! Andrew accommodated John Crouse needing a ride last minute. John missed notifying Andrew within the time frame. When Andrew was at home, he made phone calls to his drivers and accommodate

NEXT MEETING: April 28th, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0414-09 to adjourn the meeting at 2200 hrs.

1st Ray

2nd Hyatt

4-0 vote

PASSED

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF April 28th, 2025 REDACTED

Commissioners		
Christine Santiago Foos	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
Ric Ray	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
John McAllister	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
		Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

MOTION – 25-0428-01 to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2025 meeting.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -25-0428-02 to move into executive session at 1736hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION- 25-0428-03 to return to public session at 1945 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion – 25-0428-04- 1 waiver a request for Veteran REDACTED assistance over the Lifetime limit of \$12,000.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0428-04-02 Approve the request for Veteran REDACTED assistance paying for 1 month's rent = \$1,050.00

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 4-1 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0428-05-01 to approve Veteran REDACTED a waiver for a 5th assistance in an annual cycle.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 vote Passed

Motion – 25-0428-05-02 to approve veteran REDACTED \$1,490.00 to cover rent and an insurance premium and (1) 100.00 Meijer Card.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote passed

Motion -25-0428-06 to approve changes to the office hours for summer (90 days) beginning June 1st 2025. The office will have hours of 7 am to 5 pm with in-person of 8 am to 4:30pm. Additional appointments available for those that cannot make normal business hours. Review of the office activity to be reported back to the board.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 4-1 Vote Passed

Motion- 25-0428-07 to move the discussion of a pay scale to the next meeting (May 12) with the director asked to provide additional data for the continued discussion. The board stated they would make a final decision at this meeting.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS

CBOC – The naming of the CBOC has finally has an official name to be requested. The request will read to name the CBOC as the Smith – Myers CBOC.

Motion- 25-0428-08 to approve to send the request for the Delaware CBOC to be named the Smith-Myers CBOC.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill Vote 5-0 PASSED

Air Show –The airshow group sent over their contract which had to be sent to our legal department to review. The document came back highlighting concerns with the

indemnity issue. This was sent back over to the air show people and am waiting from them for any correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

RAMPS – In a previous meeting there was a discussion where veteran are in need of a ramp to navigate the stairs but they don't qualify for VA assistance or can afford to purchase. Veteran Services found a solid solution but was informed that the ramps may cause a concern for the building department. After contacting the building department, come to find out it is a zoning issue. The zoning department of the veteran in question was contacted and received feedback that they do not see it as a permanent structure so they are good for it to be place.

This ramp is for the DCVSO driver's more than it is for the veteran. Without it, the drivers would be placed in a precarious position moving the veteran down a set a stairs that are deemed unsafe, too steep, or simply unable to safely use. The ramp will be purchased and given back when the veteran no longer would require the device.

MOTION 25-0428-09 to approve the purchase of a ramp system capable of Withstanding the weight of the veteran and the driver, making the movement of Veteran safe for both parties. The amount authorized is up to \$5,500.00 dollars.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Budget – A review of 2024 and 2025 was provided and discussed with specific lines items identified so 2026 needs could start to be projected. The board will continue with the development of the budget for the month of May with an intent to submit to the county soon thereafter.

Social Service officer – 22 candidates applied with no one standing out. Question should we repost, in the event the board approves the new pay scale the office could attract other candidates. The board wanted time to review the candidates closer and will advise what they want to do.

Moving office space around – The board agreed for the director to oversee the moves of personnel.

State of the county- The director will be at training in Dublin. The commission was informed and asked if someone from the office would attend the presentation/ event. Tuesday April 29th at the fairgrounds.

Camp Delaware – A meeting for Camp Delaware is scheduled for Wednesday at 9 am in Dublin.

Byxbe Campus A meeting at The Byxbe Campus will be at 1 pm on Wednesday to discuss the building progress with all involved.

Signing Day Thursday Liberty High School is having Military Signing Day. The Director will be going and informed the board in case they wanted to attend as well.

Upcoming meetings:

May 12th 2025

May 19th 2025

NOTE: this has been changed due to the regularly scheduled meeting day was May 26th which is Memorial Day

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Memorial Day events are on the Horizon – Plan on attending an event and honor those that served and gave all for freedom.

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0428-10 to adjourn the meeting at 2110 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 vote

PASSED