

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF March 10th, 2025 REDACTED

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John McAllister	Member	Present
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Speaking Guest(s)		
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Dawn Huston (Delaware County)		
Justin Nahvi (Financial Management)		

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GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

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Motion 25-0310-11 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2124 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 vote

PASSED

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1733.

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MOTION – 25-0324-01 to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting.

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote PASSED

NOTE: McAllister missed this first vote. Arrived shortly thereafter.

Briefly discussed ramps that could be purchased by Veteran Services for veteran requiring rides and have difficult stairs and such to navigate. They would be loaned out based upon the driver's recommendation. More to follow on this discussion.

MOTION -25-0324-02 to move into executive session at 1748hrs.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

2nd interviews for Deputy Director Position – Andrew Apostolic and Bill Piwtorak.

Andrew went first 1750 hrs.

Bill went second – completed interviews at 1935

MOTION- 25-0324-03 to return to public session at 1940 hrs.

1st Hill 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion – 25-0324-04-01 waiver a request for Veteran REDACTED assistance over the annual limit of \$7,500.

1st Hyatt 2nd Ray 4-1 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0324-04-02 waiver a request for Veteran REDACTED assistance allowing for the 5th request.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 4-1 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0324-04-03 to approve Veteran REDACTED \$1,176.95 to pay for rent, electric and Gas.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 3-2 vote Passed

Motion-25-0324-05-01 waiver a request for assistance Veteran REDACTED spouse over the allowable monthly limit.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion- 25-0324-05-02 to approve Veteran REDACTED spouse \$2,039.21 to cover the cost of 1 month's mortgage. Further to have a conversation with the spouse, son, and pastor regarding her financial hardship.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion -25-0324-06 to approve the promotion of William Piwtorak to the Deputy Director position with an annual salary of \$90,000.00 and will take effect April 5th 2025.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion -25-0324-07 to approve the Transportation manager to increase their salary to \$80,000.00 and will take effect April 5th 2025.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0324-08 to approve the posting of the Social Service Officer position as soon as possible.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Grady Hospital – Finally spoke via phone with Anthony Guzman who is the administrator of Dublin / Grady hospital. The conversation was with Mr. Guzman, Andrea Blyther (Ohiohealth), Kim Gilley, and Bill Piwtorak. He apologized from not getting back to us and also for not knowing that the veteran community at Grady was not being recognized as they should be. He agreed that Veteran Services could augment their program by providing bags of items to be given to the veterans. Currently, the bags and other items are on order / delivered. The bag will contain soft tissues, activity book(s), our brochure, and other misc items that come up whereas the veteran would like. The budget is to keep the bag / items around 40 dollars per bag and the program will be monitored for effectiveness.

Mott Museum – April 9th at 11:00 am is tentatively schedule for a visit. Confirmation is pending with Lori. Will meet to discuss the logistics to taking a group of veterans for a visit and provide lunch, similar to the other bus trips.

A Columbus Clippers veteran event is still pending to examine if the program is feasible to do.

Delaware County's CBOC naming process is continues. The commission has requested Kim Gilley to come to the next meeting and update the board with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Air show Aug 22-24 Rickenbacker AFB is hosting the 2025 Air show. This year the different opportunities to participate has increased and a suggestion was posed to spend \$1500.00 to have a 10 x 10 premium exhibit for Veteran Service of Delaware County to Participate.

Motion: 25-0324-09 to approve \$1500.00 to cover the cost of having a 10 x 10 exhibit at the Rickenbacker Air Show on Aug 22-24

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Passed

Heroes Ball – April 26th 2025 is the 2nd annual ball. Two of Veterans Services staff were nominated to be a part of the heroes' ball. It was suggested for the commission to sponsor the event at some level. After reviewing the different opportunities, it was suggest to sponsor a table.

Motion 25-0324-10 to approve \$3,000 to cover the Table sponsorship which provide a table of 8 veterans to attend the event.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote Passed

Veterans court – Public Defender Luncheon/ educational seminar.

Discussed how veteran's court has low participation and how the program would like to host the public defender's office and discuss how to increase participation by providing education to the public defenders on what veterans court provides the participants.

Since the court is not allowed to be involved directly, Veteran Services was asked if could provide the funds to cover the cost of the luncheon. Brian has been directed to look into the feasibility of this request.

An application is now available online to volunteer for Veteran Services. The volunteers will be screened to participate with the organization by visiting identified veterans who could benefit on regular check ins and contact from these vetted volunteers.

VetFest – the Federal VA has approached Delaware County Veteran Services to team up and host the annual Vetfest this year in Delaware County in conjunction of the expected opening of the new CBOC. The hard date chosen is Sept 20th and will be held at Veterans Park located by the YMCA on Houck Rd. Commissioner Hill is a YMCA board member and has confirmed that having is ok and that there is no military drill weekend. The City of Delaware has been contacted and has approved this event.

More information will be forthcoming when more details are ironed out between the outreach coordinator and the Federal VA.

Financial Assistance – a couple of meetings ago, a veteran petitioned the board to request help with repairing a car that he was driving but did not own. The board denied the request due to failure to provide proof of residency. Since that time, the veteran located a document from the College he was attending where as it was date well before 90 limit and showed the address that is in question. The board agreed this does not prove residency. They reiterated, a signed lease, utility bill, a valid Ohio Driver's license and also added since the veteran was receiving educational funds, a document from the VA would suffice proving residency. This will be reported back to the veteran.

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Discussed the Mitel Phone system. Will be attending an educational meeting regarding the phone systems that the county uses.

Received a thank you letter highlighting Rey Cordero's service to a veteran
Discussed special ramps to be purchased for veterans where our transportation people have identified a need to keep them safe and protecting the veteran from accidentally being injured as well.

The discussion was positive but since these ramps are more permanent (on loan until the veteran does not require) a conversation with the building department needs to occur to make sure if zoning/ building requirements refrain the ramps from use.

More to follow after meeting.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Thank you to Kim Gilley for posting the information about the ceremony for Vietnam. Scheduled for March 29th @ noon at the Historical Court House.

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

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