

5Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF April 13th, 2026

Commissioners		
Ric Ray	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
Richard Mason	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Excused
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Ric Ray in 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

Motion – 26-0413-01 to approve the minutes from 03-23-2026 as written

1st McAllister 2nd Mason 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion-26-0413-02 to move into executive session at 1734 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion- 26-0413-03 to return to public session at 1831 hrs.

1st Ray 2nd Mason 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion- 26-0413-04-01 waive to exceed maximum income threshold to assist Veteran REDACTED.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion- 26-0413-04-02 to approve requested amount of \$3,155.77

Motion- 26-0413-04-03 to amend previous motion to allow the ability to approve the requested amount upon the stipulation the couple seeks financial budgeting assistance themselves if there is a future request. As well as confirming disconnect notice with Suburban Natural Gas Company.

Motion- 26-0413-04-04 to modify the amended motion to assist veterans REDACTED as well with two \$100.00 Meijer cards for food for her and her family. As well as paying the full amount requested with the stipulations mentioned.

1ST Hill 2ND Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion- 26-0413-05-01 to waive annual limit of \$7,500.00 to assist Veteran REDACTED.

1ST Hyatt 2ND Mason 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion- 26-0413-05-02 to approve the requested amount of \$2,500.00 as well as provide two \$100.00 in Meijer cards to assist Veteran REDACTED and her family.

1ST Hyatt 2ND McAllister 5-0 Vote PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking issue 91 N. Sandusky Street - The director lets the board know that parking is becoming an issue again where open spaces are limited, creating visitors to the surrounding buildings to park in spots that are reserved for VIPs to the building. The director is working with John Melvin and Ali Glusich to develop a plan to increase parking spots. Currently seeking resources for more available spots within the area. Updates to follow.

VCAS (Veteran Companion Animal Services) – May 16th is their Gala for 2026. In support of their organization. Reaching out to office staff who may want to participate in the event and utilize the tickets provided as well as reaching out to interested Veterans in the community to attend.

Software Contract – Delaware county’s IT and Legal are currently working through the documents to ensure everything looks correct to continue with the software so it can be quickly implemented and operational.

250th Project - The director finally received the inputs for the statue / granite projects. It can now be developed to go to bid. The director will be working with the committee to get this done and follow through with the entire process. Continuing to move this project along with updates to follow.

Financial Assistance Policy: -Review the policy – Section 3 and 4 as a second read. All items addressed are confirmed to stay.

Section 3 and 4 – reviewed – discussed Assets – 2nd discussion next meeting.

Sections 5,6, and 7 are assigned to discuss at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Festival- Discussion on the Art Festival and who is going to be taking the lead for our office at the event. Future discussion to follow next meeting.

Willow brook 250th – May 21st / 22nd willow brook will be having a celebration for the 250th anniversary of the United States. More details to be discussed in future meetings about the topic.

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DIRECTORS REPORT:

Wave Report:

Distributed to all board members

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: April 27th, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0413-06 to adjourn the meeting at 1945 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS

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1st McAllister 2nd Mason 4-0 Vote PASS

The board was informed of Veteran REDACTED current situation and what may come from it. The board heard Veteran REDACTED, and the board was given the opportunity to ask questions and have Veteran REDACTED answer.

Motion-26-0427-04-01 to make a waiver for Veteran REDACTED overall income for the Veteran Service Commission to assist.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 3-1 Vote PASS

Motion-26-0427-04-02 to allow Veteran REDACTED one more day in the Baymont by Wyndham if needed.

1st McAllister 2nd Mason 3-1 Vote PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

VCAS (Veteran Companion Animal Services) – May 16th is their Gala for 2026. In support of their organization, Kim Gilley and her husband will be attending the Gala on behalf of the Delaware County Veteran Service Office.

Software Contract –currently being reviewed by the county’s prosecutor to ensure all vocabulary within the contract is correct. No exact timeline as of now as we await further approval. More details to follow soon.

250th Project - The director briefed the board on the 250th monument situation. The director discussed the steps that have been taken up to this point and what the result could look like for this project. The director of the office is the primary point of contact and will continue to update the board when new information is provided.

NEW BUSINESS

MASH pantry- Amber from MASH contacted Director Brian Gallagher regarding a request for assistance in purchasing a forklift. This equipment will allow the pantry to more efficiently offload pallets of food and supplies for local veterans. Commissioner Mason will research available forklifts and provide his findings to both Amber and the board to facilitate the purchase. As well as the office providing funds to assist Veterans who utilize the organization for “Ensure” drinks.

Motion-26-0427-05 to approve the purchase of a forklift for the MASH pantry for an amount not to exceed \$16,000, upon a inspection to ensure the equipment is in good working order and the dimensions meet the organization's specific operational needs.

1st Hill **2nd McAllister** **4-0 Vote** **PASS**

Motion-26-0427-06 to approve the funds for MASH up to \$500.00 a month for Veterans who require Ensure. This purchase per month would last for the remainder of 2026 upon approval from the auditor's office.

1st Hill **2nd McAllister** **4-0 Vote** **PASS**

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Wave Report:

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GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Director Brian Gallagher will be attending the Directors conference in Dublin on April 28th. Any pertinent information will be brought upon the board next meeting.

Future meeting date change: the meeting on May 25th will be changed to May 21st at 4pm due to Memorial Day and needing to finalize and approved the future budget by the 25th.

NEXT MEETING: May 11th, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0427-07 to adjourn the meeting at 1915 hrs.

1st McAllister **2nd Mason** **4-0 Vote** **PASS**