

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1734 hrs.

**Motion – 26-0209-01** to approve the minutes from 01-27-2026 as written

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Mason                      5-0 Vote                      PASS**

**Motion-26-0209-02** to move into executive session at 1733 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      5-0 Vote                      PASS**

**Motion- 26-0209-03** to return to public session at 1818 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      5-0 Vote                      PASS**

**Motion – 26-0209-04** to waive the \$12,000 amount and approve the payment of \$960.00 for bills in which are requested to be paid for Veteran REDACTED.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      5-0 Vote                      PASS**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Heros Ball:**

We have officially confirmed one Veteran's attendance for the Hero's Ball; the office will be covering their two tickets. We are currently finalizing discussions regarding a second Veteran couple and will provide an update shortly.

### **Software Contract Update:**

We have received an updated contract from Atomic Data. It is currently with the county's legal team for a formal review and approval. I will provide further updates as soon as we receive their feedback

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **In-house CVS0 training:**

Senior Service Officer Rey Cordero will begin conducting biweekly training for our CVS0s twice monthly. This initiative ensures our staff remains current on critical updates and information provided by the VHA and VBA, allowing us to better serve our veterans.

### **Staff Training:**

Our team has initiated monthly policy and procedure training sessions designed to enhance how we assist Veterans. These sessions focus on standardizing preliminary intake questions to better support both our staff and the Veterans we serve. Moving forward, this training will replace the standard bi-weekly meetings led by the Director and Deputy Director.

### **ZOO EVENT:**

Our Outreach Coordinator, Kim Gilley, has been in contact with the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to coordinate an upcoming event, tentatively scheduled for May 23rd. Kim will be meeting with zoo representatives soon to finalize the details, and we will provide further updates as they become available.

### **Financial Assistance:**

The Financial Service Officer and management are establishing a subcommittee to review our current policies and procedures. This group will be responsible for proposing necessary updates and discussing new organizational ideas. The subcommittee will consist of the Financial Assistance Officer, the Deputy Director, and two board members. Further details will be shared as discussions progress

**Motion-26-0209-05** To terminate the employment of REDACTED and discontinue her representation of our office at the county's Veteran Services.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hill**

**3-1 Vote**

**1 Abstain**

**PASS**

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**Wave Report:**

Distributed to all board members

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

Commissioner Hyatt proposed a new event for Independence Day. The Outreach Coordinator will review the feasibility of this project, and further updates will be provided in upcoming meetings as planning continues

**NEXT MEETING:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, is the next meeting scheduled-1530 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

**Motion 26-0209-06** to adjourn the meeting at 1850 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mason**

**5-0 Vote**

**PASS**

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## REGULAR MEETING OF February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026 REDACTED

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Dave Hyatt	Vice President	<b>Present</b>
John McAllister	Secretary	<b>Present</b>
Jeff Hill	Member	<b>Present</b>
Richard Mason	Member	<b>Present</b>
<b>Veteran Services</b>		
Brian Galligher	Director	<b>Present</b>
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	<b>Present</b>
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Speaking Guest(s)</b>		
Bill Cruse, Gary Bell, Larry Stumph		
Lee Closson, and Norm Higgins		

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1734 hrs.

**Motion – 26-0223-01** to approve the minutes from 02-23-2026 as written

**1<sup>st</sup> Mason                  2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                                  5-0 Vote                          PASS**

**Guest:**

**Motion-26-0223-02** to move into executive session at 1818 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt                  2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                                  5-0 Vote                          PASS**

5 veterans (see attendance list) showed up to discuss the recent termination of an employee. They wanted to express their concern for the clients affected and had questions regarding the process. Two veterans spoke while the other three listened to what was discussed. Due to the situation, limited information could be relayed. However, explaining the process appeared to help immensely.

Discussed two other personnel issues

**Motion- 26-0223-03** to return to public session at 1842 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Mason                      2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                      5-0 Vote                      PASS**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Heroes Ball:**

Richard Dorrity has accepted the two tickets. Bill Burr is being contacted by Ric Ray to see if he would like to attend.

**Software Contract Update:**

The software contract has gone back to “Atomic”. “Atomic” returned the suggested changes / fixes back to legal. We are waiting for their final approval. To save time the director recommends approval of the contract pending any changes / issues that legal has.

**Motion 26-0223-04** to approve the contract between “Atomic” and Veteran Services to provide a software package to help collect data and track client activities. The approval is pending with the signature of our legal representative.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      5-0 Vote                      Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Zoo event – May 23**

The auditor requests a policy approved by the board specifically covering the use of vouchers for veterans’ events. The policy was written, given to the board. The will review and comment on the next meeting with pending approval.

**Challenge Coins**

The Director has purchased new challenge coins to be used for special occasions. He gave each commissioner 15 coins for them to hand out as they feel is appropriate.

**State of the County**

The county has requested pictures to represent each department when they do the State of the county Presentation. Asked the board to provide any relevant pictures for this project.

### **CBOC**

On March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Veteran Services is meeting with the manager of the CBOC to discuss future partnership and expectations. It was offered to see who wanted to attend from the board. They all want to participate.

### **Policy for Cemetery**

A new policy is in development regarding providing headstones/ markers to veterans that pass away who live / lived in Delaware County. The board will ponder the ideas and get back with the director to finalize the product for the director to develop.

### **Mash Pantry**

This organization has been looking for a forklift. Commissioner Mason has found a used one for \$16,000+ dollars. The board has asked to see Mash's assistance data to include financials to make an educated decision about where and how to help. The director was working with Mash's leadership to get this done but the process has died. The director is to reach back out to Mash.

### **Financial Assistance Policy Review**

Initially, it was discussed to have two board members participate in a subcommittee group to review / update the policy. After a discussion, it was agreed that the financial officer along with the Director and Deputy Director update the policy and send a section or two at a time to review during a meeting, so all board members can provide their input.

### **Bed Bugs**

Update to the board that Veteran Services offices and vehicles will go through a process using a specially trained dog to go through the areas mentioned on a quarterly basis. The schedule is as follows:

Jan (Done) April, July, October

If something is found, further actions will take place that are conducive to eradicate.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**Wave Report:**

Distributed to all board members

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Courthouse Steps will be a ceremony for Vietnam Veterans

**NEXT MEETING:** March 9, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

**Motion 26-0223-05** to adjourn the meeting at 1932 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mason**

**5-0 Vote**

**PASS**