



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
February 16, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Hays called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Due to a heavy snow storm, the meeting was not conducted at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. ROLL CALL

President Hays requested Secretary Fried to take the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X	
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X	
William Fried, Secretary	X	
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X	
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X	

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, and Dan Semsel, Deputy Director

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

IV. PRESCHEДУED PRESENTATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The reference checks of the Veterans Legal Counsel applicants conducted by Ms. Frisco President were reviewed. All of the candidate reference checks came back positive with no sanctions, discipline or suspensions noted. Based on all the favorable comments received and the previous interviews conducted by the commission, the consensus was to make an offer to Steven Strain who seemed to be the best fit for the position.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

After discussion regarding the current salary structure in Montgomery County for attorneys and bar fees and expenses for required Continuing Legal Education requirements for the Veterans Legal Counsel position, President Hays asked for a motion to offer the position of Veterans Legal Counsel to Steven Strain. Secretary Fried made a motion to offer the Veterans Legal Counsel position to Steven Strain with a starting salary of \$60,000 per year with a negotiation ceiling of \$65,000 per year as well as negotiate for expenses of bar fees and required CLE credits. Commissioner Rojas seconded the motion. Vote for approval was as follows:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

Ms. Frisco will set up the face-to-face meeting to extend the offer of employment to Steven Strain and notify the Commissioners of the hiring results. She will also notify of the employment selection to Montgomery County human resources, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Nathaniel Peterson, and Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Heck. Finally, Ms. Frisco will notify the remaining Veterans Legal Counsel candidates that the position has been filled only if Steven Strain accepts the position.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

None.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Jerry Hays, President

James Dare, Commissioner

Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President

Mark Wilson, Commissioner

William Fried, Secretary