



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
March 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Bill Fried called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. ROLL CALL

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President		X	
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		Arrival at 10:41 a.m.
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present: Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer and Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jim Dare led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 9 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Theobald asked that the Commission consider edits to the minutes under the Public Comments Section. Jim Dare then moved to accept the minutes as edited by Mr. Theobald. Commissioner Fried Seconded the Motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved.

February 25 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dare moved to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Fried seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Surowitz, MPA, Director of the Military and Veteran Program office at the University of Dayton spoke briefly about his office whose mission it is to support Veterans and Active Duty military who are enrolled as students at the University of Dayton.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailor Financial Assistance for the period of February 1 to February 28, 2022.

Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, presented the report.

Commissioner Dare moved to accept the report as presented. Vice President Fried seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Transportation for Veterans Treatment Court Participants

Legal Counsel Steve Strain presented to the Commission a need for occasional transportation assistance for Veterans involved with the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court. A few of the participants have mandatory meetings and often times don't have reliable transportation, especially for time sensitive appointments.

The Commission discussed a solution with staff input. Estimated cost to expand our transportation

program to include these veterans was estimated at less than \$50/month.

Commissioner Jim Dare moved that we expand the transportation program to include participants in the Treatment Court to assist them in maintaining compliance with the Court. Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

Emergency One-Time Assistance

Deputy Director Dan Semsel proposed some clarification on the One-Time expense procedures. With some discussion it was agreed we would make it a \$1,000 lifetime cap with a minimum request of \$200 for major home or auto repairs.

Commissioner Dare moved for approval for the above suggested change/clarification to the One Time assistance program. Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

Veteran and Military Center at Wright State (Champions Garden)

We have been given an opportunity to be part of the Champions Garden at the Wright State Veterans Student Center. Staff is asking for approval for a \$1,000 commitment that will give us an advertising presence at the center for years to come.

Commissioner Theobald moved to approve the expenditure, Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

April Meeting Date

Commissioners Dare, Howley and Fried all expressed scheduling conflicts with the regularly scheduled meeting for April. The Commissioners agreed to move the April meeting to Thursday April 21, at the normal 10:00 a.m. time slot.

Executive Session

Commissioner Theobald moved that the Commission enter Executive Session under 121.22 G 1, for the consideration of personnel matters. Commissioner Howley second the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented. The Commission entered Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.

Performance Awards for Management

Commissioner Howley moved that in recognition of their performance, and as recommended in writing by Director Frisco, that Daniel Semsel, Steven Strain and Bryan Suddith receive a lump sum award equal to 2.5% of their respective annual pay. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President			
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Vice President Fried declared the motion approved as presented.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Deputy Director Semsel submitted the Management and Legal Services Report to the Commission.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Dare

- Miamisburg/Miami Township is working on a military banner tribute program, allowing folks to honor their Veteran with a banner at select locations in the area of Miamisburg and Miami Township

Commissioner Theobald

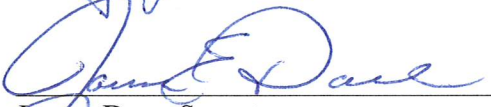
- AMVETS Post 24 Commander has passed away. New leadership will be announced in the coming weeks.
- ODVS Mandate to starting a pilot program for new PTSD/TBI treatments. Wanted to keep this program on our radar.

X. ADJOURNMENT

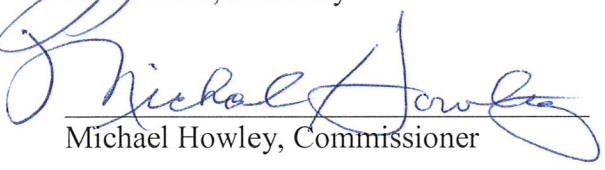
The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



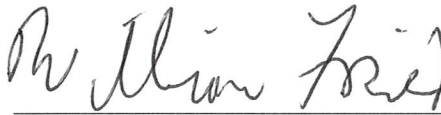
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