



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission  
July 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

**I. Call to Order**

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

**II. Roll Call**

Bryan Suddith called the roll.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
James Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel (Arrival at 10:45 a.m.)
- Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer
- Ty Hughes, Legal Services Intern (Arrival at 10:45 a.m.)

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

President Fried moved to accept the June 21 minutes as presented with no changes, motion seconded by Commissioner Dare.

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

John Theobald, Commissioner X

Motion passed unanimously 4-0 with one abstention.

**V. Public Comments**

- a) Fred Rojas Centerville VFW came to the meeting to present two VSO's with coins as a thank you for their service. Both Bill Fitzgerald and Anna McMinn are invited to the VFW post meeting Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Centerville Police Station.
- b) Monthly Veterans breakfast at Archer's Centerville, Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. with a guest speaker.
- c) Mr. Rojas reminded the commissioners that he is the Communications chair for VFW region 3 and would be happy to communicate any news to the district.

**VI. Old Business**

- a) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of June 1-30, 2023

Commissioner Theobald moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

Commissioner Theobald asked about one denial that was overturned. Once more information was obtained, including medical records as well as a all DD214's, the Veteran was eligible for services. The Veteran in question was awarded the requested assistance as well as food and RTA passes. Same Veteran will be applying for PIPP assistance.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

**VII. New Business**

- a) Holiday Meal Cards

Commissioner Theobald moved to allow the purchase of up to 400 Aldi gift cards at \$200 each for Veterans that have incomes at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty level for the 2023 holiday season and the motion was seconded by Mr. Fried.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

### VIII. Management Report

Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented:

- i. Budget report
- ii. Transportation report from Loren Scott.
  1. At the next Regional Executive Director roundtable, transportation will be a topic of conversation.
- iii. Legal Report from Steven Strain
- iv. Community Action Partnership updated
  1. July 13, CAP will be in the MCVSC office seeing Veterans for PIPP applications. As of this report more than 12 Veterans are scheduled to meet with CAP.
- v. Dayton VA Director will be leaving this summer for a new post in New York. The Chief of Staff is also leaving in October.
- vi. Outreach we attended the July 4 parade, were present for the Korean War Memorial event, our next parade is July 21 for the Vandalia Air Show Parade. Staff will also be present for the July 20 Ford Oval of Honor event at WPAFB.

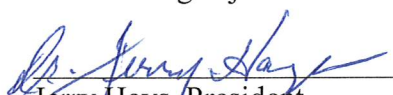
### IX. Commissioners' Reports

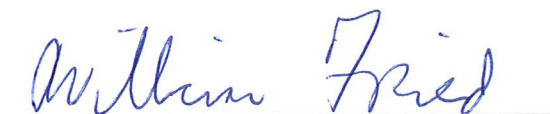
1. Commissioner Hays –
2. Commissioner Dare – Thanked the staff for the Mental Health First Aid class.
3. Commissioner Fried – County Commissioners conference July 19, 20 and 21 in Columbus.
4. Commissioner Theobald – No report, thanked fellow commissioners and staff for support in his absence.
5. Commissioner Howley – Confirmed his attendance to the Ford Oval of Honors event on July 20. Additional thoughts on possible relocation, consider space at JFS?

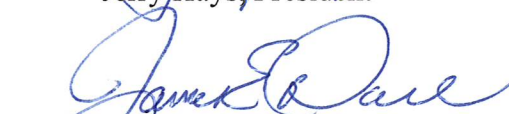
Next meeting is August 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

### X. Adjournment

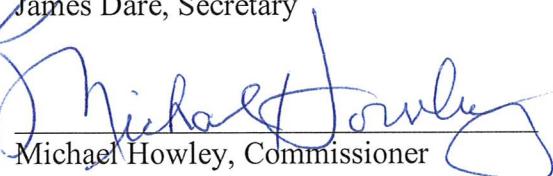
The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

  
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