



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
June 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th 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
- Dan Semsel, Deputy Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer
- Ty Hughes, Legal Services Intern
- Josh Shaw, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

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 Dare moved to accept the May 17 minutes as presented with no changes, motion seconded by Commissioner 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			

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

V. Public Comments

- a) Wright State University Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans – Elizabeth Harding
 - a. WSU is one of ten universities with the program
 - b. Cost is underwritten by Reynolds and Reynolds
 - c. Three phase program, online, in person, and year long coaching as phase three
 - d. WSU is the first partner located near a base
 - e. The ask is for the MCVSC to spread the word about the program to area veterans who may be interested in starting or growing their business

- b) Fred Rojas Centerville VFW
 - a. Veterans Breakfast at Archers Tavern in Kettering this weekend. New County Recorder may be the speaker for this week’s breakfast. 9:30
 - b. Question about process of referrals and information gathering.
 - c. Coin presentation to Steve Strain, will schedule a time in the future to present a coin to Anna McMinn and Bill Fitzgerald.

VI. Old Business

- a) Pending Litigation

Motion by Dare to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of pending litigation ORC 121.22 G 3 seconded by 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			

Entered Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.
 Commission Exited Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

- b) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of May 1-31, 2023

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

Commissioner Fried commented on the down trend of financial assistance this month.

Commissioner Howley stated that he wishes that the response section of the report contained more information.

<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			

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

VII. New Business

- a) Report on Reibold Office Space
 - a. As submitted by Bryan Suddith
 - b. No decisions have been made and there is no proposal on the table.
- b) Mentor Coordinator Position
 - a. Kim presented findings with Judge Adkins about the needs of the program and position.
 - b. No objections to Directors Plan to create a hybrid position of VSO/Mentor Coordinator with the time split 50/50. Job to be posted internally first to see if anyone is interested in the new position.
- c) Medal of Honor Memorial

Moved by Bill Fried and seconded by Jim Dare. Commission approves up to \$100,000 for the Medal of Honor Memorial construction and maintenance, not exceed \$50,000 in a single year, with a lifetime cap of 4 years, starting in 2023 and concluding in the FY 2026.

<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			

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

VIII. Management Report

1. Director Frisco reported back on activities from the last month and presented a copy of the RTA reply from the RTA CEO. No letter to Riley from RTA or MCVSC.
2. Dan Semsel reported on the budget. At end of May we are at 50% expended or encumbered.
3. Steve Strain presented the Legal Report.
4. Bryan Suddith presented the Transportation Report
5. Director Frisco presented an update about our partnership with the Community Action Partnership. Monthly we will host someone from CAP to assist veterans in applying for HEAP and PIP programs. The first one will be held on July 13.

6. Director Frisco also updated the Commission about upcoming outreach events.
 - Korean War Memorial event on the 25th of June.
 - July 4 Parade in Centerville
 - Montgomery County Fair July 9 – 15
 - Air Show Parade at end of July

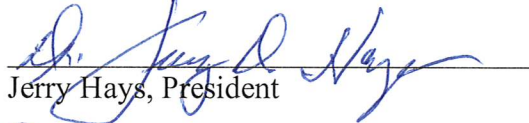
IX. Commissioners' Reports

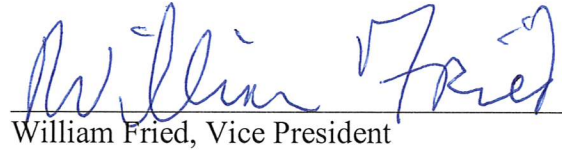
1. Commissioner Hays – Commented on House Bill 69 making changes to ORC 5901.
2. Commissioner Dare – No report.
3. Commissioner Fried – Out of town 22 June to 30 June. Asked for a follow up for Active Shooter Training. Director Frisco stated that the Sheriff's office will be assisting us.
4. Commissioner Theobald – Excused Absence
5. Commissioner Howley – Recommended the Veterans Breakfast at Archer's Tavern in Kettering. Last Saturday of the month.

Next meeting is July 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

X. Adjournment

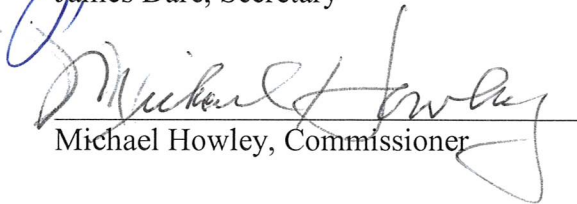
The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.


Jerry Hays, President


William Fried, Vice President


James Dare, Secretary

John Theobald, Commissioner


Michael Howley, Commissioner



Legal Services Report
July 2023

New Client Appointments.....61
YTD Monthly Average.....60

Practice Areas

Housing Defense.....5
Civil/Family.....13
Estate Planning.....28
Miscellaneous Legal Advice.....15

Service By County

Montgomery.....44
Clark.....8
Miami.....3
Preble.....2
Warren.....1
Hamilton.....1
Logan.....1

Total Counties Served.....34



Transportation Report | June - July 2023

Monthly Appointments

July 2023

*Client Appointments	223
2023 Monthly Average	188
2023 YTD Total	1314
2022 Total	1,049
2022 Monthly Average	87

Monthly Cost

June 2023

Average Cost Per Round trip ride	\$31.96
RTA/UBER/Valley	\$6,935.52
2023 Monthly Average	\$6,554.79
2023 YTD Total	\$39,328.74
2022 Total	\$33,470.92
2022 Monthly Average	\$2,789.24

June Trip Totals**

• RTA/Uber/Lyft	130
• RTA/Paratransit	200
• Valley Transport	48
• RTA Bus Pass (Medical)	6
• RTA Bus Pass (Grocery)	10
• Outside Agency (CSS)	2

Veterans served in June 56

*Appointments are generally round trip.

**One-way trips