



**Special Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
December 6, 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, 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, Executive Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support
- Nathaniel Peterson, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office
- Josh Shaw, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

Other attendees:

- Former Commissioner Fred Rojas

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Public Comments

Bryan Suddith introduced two new staff members to the commission. Mr. Cliff Montgomery is a Veteran Service Officer and Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator. Mrs. Stacy Schulte is the new Clerical Support Specialist.

V. Old Business

Commissioner Howley moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, per ORC 121.22 G (3), and Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

The Commission entered Executive Session at 10:06 a.m.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

- VI.** Bill Fried shared a proclamation from the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners awarding Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission the Al Daum Service Award for the assistance given to Miami County Veterans Service office this year during their staff transition and training. Executive Director Frisco accepted the award.

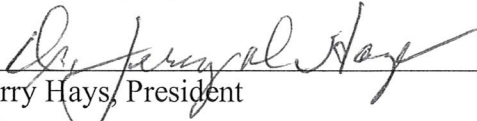
Commission President gave a brief update on the pending legislation that seeks to alter the nominating and appointing process for Commission Members.


Commissioner Howley shared with the Commission the benefit of the Paper Safe folder. Staff committed to getting a supply to Commissioner Howley.

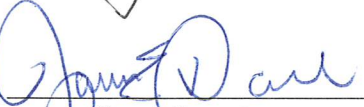
Commissioner Howley shared his observation that our ads and communications don't stress the importance of obtaining and storing a Veteran's DD-214.

VII. Adjournment

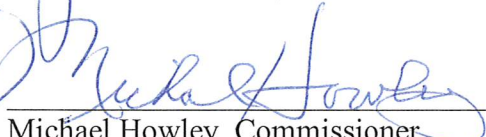
The meeting adjourned at a.m.


Jerry Hays, President


William Fried, Vice President


James Dare, Secretary


John Theobald, Commissioner


Michael Howley, Commissioner