



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
March 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. Roll Call

Stacy Schulte called the roll.

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

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Josh Shaw, Assistant County Prosecutor
- Nathaniel Peterson, Assistant County Prosecutor
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support Specialist

Guest: Mr. Fred Rojas

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

Commissioner Fried moved to approve the February 14, 2024, minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dare.

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

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Fred Rojas reminded the Commission of the Veterans Breakfast held at Archers Tavern in Kettering on March 30, 2024. The VA will be there to discuss the Gerofit exercise program.

Mr. Rojas would like to invite all Veterans to attend the VFW District meeting to hear a special speaker, a 3-star General, discussing how Veterans can become involved in Diplomacy and National Security, this event is open to all Veterans, time, and date to follow.

VI. Old Business

a.) Pending Litigation

Commissioner Fried moved to enter executive session for purposes outlined in ORC 121.22 G (3), to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

Commission entered executive session at 10:08 a.m.
Commission exited executive session at 10:23 a.m.

b.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for period February 1 - 29, 2024.

Commissioner Howley moved to approve, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hayes declared the motion approved. 4-0

VII. New Business

a. Personnel Matter

Commissioner Fried moved to enter executive session for purposes outlined in ORC 121.22 G (4), to discuss the results of the recent Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiations. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

Commission entered executive session at 10:27 a.m.

Commission exited executive session at 11:30 a.m.

VIII. Management Report

- Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Transportation and Staff reports.
- The MCVSC Annual Resource Event “Aging in Place” with keynote speaker Dr. Robert Sawyer, Air Force Veteran with Kettering Health will be held May 21, 2024, at Sinclair Community College, Building 12.
- Shared that VSO Mr. Bill Fitzgerald will be honored as an “Honorary Social Worker” by the Dayton VA Medical Center for his efforts to visit Veterans who are admitted in the hospital and need help filing VA claims.
- Two MCVSC Veteran Service Officers, Mr. Donald North and Mr. Glen Saxon are away today touring Ohio Veteran’s Homes.
- Executive Director Frisco also reminded the Commission that the April meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, to accommodate the schedules of the commissioners.
- Shared “good news” stories of how two Veterans had special transportation requests in the month of February and how our services impacted their lives.
- See attached Transportation Report.

Steven Strain presented the legal report.

- Presented his written report, see attached Legal Services Report.
- Mr. Strain shared that the Mentor Program is going well and that Mr. Cliff Montgomery, the Mentor Coordinator, is hosting meetings at the Courthouse to recruit additional mentors and more volunteers are coming forward.

IX. Commissioner's Reports

- Commissioner Hays (DAV) – No Report

- Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS) – No Report

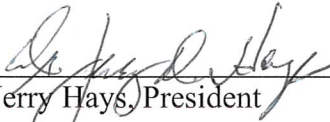
- Commissioner Fried (VVA) – Mr. Fried shared that the VVA, Chapter 97 will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. He provided applications for our VSOs to hand out and announced that the deadline to apply is April 15, 2024

- Commissioner Dare (American Legion) – Mr. Dare announced that the American Legion Post 165, Miamisburg has selected 11 boys to send to Buckeye Boys State 2024 at Miami University, the week of June 9 through June 16, 2024, at Miami University. Buckeye Girls State will be held June 9 through June 15, 2024, and the participants are still being selected. Mr. Dare also reports that the American Legion post in Logan County has suffered significant damage in the recent severe weather.

- Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW) – Mr. Howley reports that the Easter Food Distribution for house bound Veterans has been canceled.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Jerry Hays, President

John Theobald, Vice President



William Fried, Secretary



James Dare, Commissioner



Michael Howley, Commissioner