



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
May 8, 2024, 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

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
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support Specialist

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

- a. Commissioner Fried moved to approve the April 17, 2024, minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Howley.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Terrance Paschal presented to the Commission that he applied for emergency financial assistance after sustaining burst water pipes in his home. He stated that the checklist did not mention that he was required to present receipts. In response, Deputy Director Bryan Suddith explained to Mr. Paschal and the commission that the request for financial assistance has been approved and is being processed. He also explained to the Veteran that sometimes the Veteran Service Officers may request additional documentation and/or receipts and that this experience will be used for training purposes so that the expectations will be clearer going forward. Mr. Paschal thanked the commission for their time and assistance.

VI. Old Business

- a.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for period April 1 - 30, 2024. Commissioner Theobald 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		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

President Hayes declared the motion approved. 5-0

b.) Pending Litigation

Executive Director Kim Frisco provided an update regarding the pending litigation of Landers v. MCVSC. Mr. Landers has filed a Notice of Appeal to Correct Trial Decision and Judgment Entry and in response the attorneys for MCVSC have filed a cross-appeal. Awaiting the decision from the Second District Court of Appeals.

VII. New Business

a.) Public Records Request

Executive Director Kim Frisco presented a records request from Dayton Daily News reporter Sydney Dawes. Ms. Dawes is requesting personnel records, disciplinary files, any additional records contained in any separate files for Mr. Mark Landers as well as meeting minutes from August 12, 2019. After reviewing the request thoroughly, the Commissioners agreed that all records, including the investigation notes, shall be released to The Dayton Daily News.

b.) 2025 Budget Resolution

Deputy Director Bryan Suddith explained the plan for the 2025 Budget. After discussion Commissioner Fried motioned to approve the 2025 Budget Resolution 24-05081, in the amount of \$2,885,000.00, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

VIII. Management Report

Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Staff reports.

- Our annual meeting, "Aging In Place" will be held 5/21/2024 at Sinclair Community College from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.
- Veteran's Moving Forward is a community event at Wright State University's Student Union on 5/22/2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and MCVSC will be participating.
- MCVSC received a letter from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office thanking the office for the recent service of Deputy Director Bryan Suddith to Grand Jury.
- Praised Transportation Coordinator Loren Scott, Tracy Frei and Stacy Schulte for their efforts working with a Veteran and his wife who were recently evicted from their home of more than 20 years after their apartment building was sold. Loren worked with them to find new housing and then she, along with the help of other staff members moved their belongings into storage and then a few days later into their new apartment provided by Mr. Larry Lasky.
- Director Frisco mentioned to the commission that the lack of affordable housing is becoming a crisis for seniors.

Deputy Director Bryan Suddith presented the Budget, Outreach and Transportation reports.

- Please see the attached reports.
- Management is moving forward with filling open positions.
- Reiterated praise for the efforts of Loren Scott.
- Made the Commissioners aware that a large number of C & P Exams are being scheduled out of county and the Veteran Service Officers have been alerted to watch for transportation issues.
- The average cost per ride is down.
- Commissioners can expect their travel reimbursement from the March conference next week.

Steven Strain presented the legal report.

- See attached report.
- Recently attended the county's D365 training.
- Saw Four Veterans for Discharge/Character of Service upgrades in April.
- Most clients in April came from Montgomery County and the local surrounding counties.
- Mentor Coordinator Cliff Montgomery spent time focusing on his Veteran Service Officer training in March and April but will begin to get out and recruit additional volunteer mentors in the near future.
- Veteran Treatment Court graduation will be held 6/26/2024 at 9:30 a.m.
- Announced that Law intern, Curtis Stratton will begin his internship with us on 5/13/2024 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. Commissioner's Reports

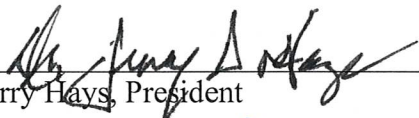
- a.) Commissioner Hays (DAV) – Summer Commissioner Conference is July 26 through July 28, 2024, at the Embassy Suites. Ohio Lt. Governor Husted and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Director Ashenurst will be invited to speak.
- b.) Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS) – AMVETS held their state-wide region meeting 10 days ago. Discussed the difficulty in running the canteens and how to recruit new members and involve their families.
- c.) Commissioner Fried (VVA) – Held their election, Mike Vanderveen elected President. Will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships this month. They may be joining efforts with the American Legion to offer a 4th scholarship. They may consider focusing on trades as part of the scholarship program in the future.

d.) Commissioner Dare (American Legion) – National Poppy Day is 5/24/2024, all money raised will go to Honor Flight. Any donations can be made to The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary.

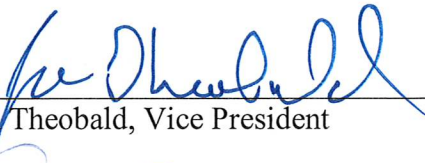
e.) Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW) – Recently held their board meeting / election of officers. \$10,000 in donations were distributed to Brookville ROTC, Kettering Baseball, and a Montgomery County family with a disabled child.

X. Adjournment

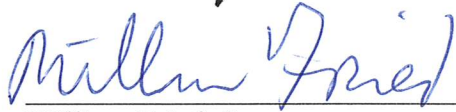
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Jerry Hays, President



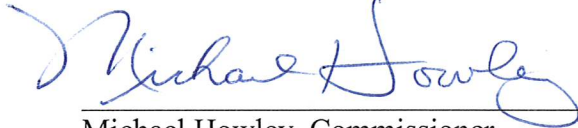
John Theobald, Vice President



William Fried, Secretary



James Dare, Commissioner



Michael Howley, Commissioner

Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Resolution No. 24-050801
May 8, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTED 2025 BUDGET.**


WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5901.03, the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission has met and determined approval of the requested 2025 budget of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission in the amount of \$2,885,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission that the 2025 budget in the amount of \$2,885,000.00 is hereby approved and will be submitted to the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner William Fried moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner James Dare and upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Commissioner Dare, Yea; Commissioner Fried, Yea; Commissioner Hays, Yea; Commissioner Howley, Yea. Commissioner Theobald, Yea. All in favor, Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission on the 8th day of May, 2024.



William Fried, Secretary
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meeting of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and that all deliberations of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and of its committees, if any which resulted in formal action, were taken in meeting open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2025 Proposed Budget Veterans Service Commission

500	Statutory Salaries	55,000.00
510	Salaries	1,150,000.00
520	Fringe Benefits (OPERS & Insurance)	285,000.00
530	Operating Expenses	180,000.00
540	Travel & Training	60,000.00
550	Professional Services (Soldiers & Sailors Relief and Marketing)	1,100,000.00
560	Maintenance and Repair Services	10,000.00
570	Communications	45,000.00
590	Capital Outlays	0
	*Total	2,885,000.00

***Notes:**

- Approved 2024 Budget equaled \$2,633,378.00
- 10% increase over 2024 equals \$2,896,715.80
- Estimated .25 millage for 2024 equals \$3,569,377.00