



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
January 13, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President 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

President Hays requested Ms. Zimmer to take the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X	
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X	
William Fried, Secretary	X	
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X	
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X	

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy director, and Missy Zimmer, Administrative Officer

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

IV. PRESCHEDED PRESENTATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby White stated that he was not given assistance due to not having all of his documentation for the financial assistance application. He further stated that he gets one bank activity per month. Discussion was held between the Commissioners and Mr. White as to the criteria to apply for financial assistance. Mr. White was asked to reapply and was given a financial assistance application.

Ms. Debbie Coleman called prior to the meeting to indicate that she would have to reschedule her attendance for appeal.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a) President Hays asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes from December 9, 2020 and January 6, 2021 commission meetings. Secretary Fried made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Vice President Rojas seconded the motion. Vote for approval was as follows:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

- b) President Hays asked for a motion to approve Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance. Vice President Rojas made a motion to approve Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period of December 1-31, 2020. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion. Vote for approval was as follows:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Commissioners held interviews with Charles C. Kash, Franklyn A. Corlett, and Dan Semsel for the Deputy Director position.
- b) After discussion, Vice President Rojas made a motion to keep the officers of the Commission in place (Jerry Hays as President, Fred Rojas as Vice President, and Bill Fried as Secretary) for 2021. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion. Vote for approval was as follows:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		
Mark Wilson, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

- c) Mr. Semsel gave the process of the Coat Giveaway. Stanchions are being used for crowd control and tables will be in place for pre-approved Veterans. Keelson from VetLink 211 will also be in attendance to help with crowd control. 18 coats have already been given to Veterans through the Volunteers of America and the Domiciliary Care Program.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Frisco reported to the Commissioners the following office happenings:

- Phones and computers were out on January 12, 2021. We will need to get backup battery replaced;
- Loren is having childcare issues due to hybrid learning and no childcare in place. Loren is currently working two days per week and has asked for consideration until March 12, 2021, which was approved. Consideration may not be approved after March 12, 2021. Our union partners are aware of this matter;
- Four staff members have received the COVID-19 vaccine: Donald, Keith, Dan, and Kim;
- 80.3% of budget was spent for the year;
- 2020 application stats: 137 COVID-19, 452 financial; 19 tornado; 15 indigent burial, and \$28,950 food vouchers with 91 unique;
- Recruiting - two applicants for legal position so will be extending posting time and eight applicants for mentor coordinator position. Would like a recommendation from Judge Adkins on the mentor coordinator position;
- AFSCME would like to start collective bargaining negotiations on February 4 or 5, 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Will email our suggested changes to all Commissioners;
- Policies and Procedures are still being reviewed by Mr. Semsel and Ms. Zimmer;
- Performance Appraisals are still being reviewed by Mr. Semsel;
- Ms. Viola Nichols, member of the Navy Waves, celebrated her 102 birthday. We presented her with a letter, challenge coin, and certificate. Donald and Keith participated in the drive-by parade in the Commissions SUV. Another veteran, Mr. Nick Sabatino, will be turning 102 in March and will do the same for him;
- Will be taping an episode on Living Dayton regarding the Coat Giveaway;
- Will advise when the collection of the National Cemetery wreaths will be done; and
- Coat Giveaway is currently airing on WYSO, WDTN, Alpha Media radio stations (ESPN-WING 1410, 92.1 WROU, 92.9 Jack FM, Hot 102.9, and 101.5 HANK-FM), and Living Dayton.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Vice President Rojas requested that the recruitment positions be sent to the Hiring Committee (President Hays and Vice President Rojas). He reported that the district meeting was held and that many people have COVID; Steve Sutche passed away due to COVID. He would have been 99 in October; VFW Post 9550 recognized Teacher and Police Officer of the Year; and American Legion and VFW have a joint community colorguard for funerals;
- Secretary Fried reported VVA meeting will be held in-person on January 21, 2021 with social distancing. Have had a lot of last calls; and
- Commissioner Mark Wilson reported that the Department of Ohio AMVETS meeting will be soon; Post 7789 has received \$18,500 in grants and is currently planning the event calendar for 2021; He would like to receive a copy of the budget monthly.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Jerry Hays, President

James Dare, Commissioner

Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President

Mark Wilson, Commissioner

William Fried, Secretary