



**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2021 at 10:00AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Bill Fried called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. ROLL CALL

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	
Jerry Hays, President	X		Arrived at 10:09 a.m.
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, and Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer. Legal Counsel Steve Strain, Nathaniel Peterson, Josh Shaw, Ashley Webb and Missy Zimmer were in attendance as well.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Kim Frisco led the Pledge of Allegiance and the commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. Appeal of Decision for Lori Nesby

Motion by Bill Fried and Seconded by John Theobald to enter into executive session to hear an appeal for Financial Assistance. Commissioners voted 4-0 to enter executive session at 10:13 a.m.

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

Commissioners exited executive session at 10:46 a.m.

A motion by John Theobald was seconded by Bill Fried to deny the appeal as presented with the exception

granting relieve in the form of food vouchers as requested by the Veteran. The denial was to include a referral for a legal consult. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

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

V. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dare moved for approval and Commissioner Fried seconded a motion to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes as recorded. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

September 20, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved for approval and Commissioner Dare seconded a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 minutes as recorded. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Folino of the Wright State University Veteran & Military Alumni Society presented a photo with thanks for the Commission's support of their first annual golf outing. He reported that the event was a success thanks to participants and partner organizations like the Veterans Service Commission.

Ashley Webb reported a change in leadership for the State Association of County Veteran Service Commissioners. He presented the commission with a copy of the letter from the Association President Randy Gasser announcing his resignation as President of the Association.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period September 1 to September 30, 2021

Commissioner Theobald moved for approval as reported and Commissioner Fried seconded the motion. All commissioners voted Aye.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pending Litigation

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Fried and seconded by Commissioner Dare, to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) 3 to discuss pending litigation. All commissioners voted Aye with Executive Session beginning at 10:57 a.m.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

The Commission adjourned Executive Session at 12:13 p.m.

B) Event Sponsorship

Discussion led by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nathaniel Peterson clarifying capabilities and limitations of supporting outside organizations.

It was discussed that the staff re-evaluate the method and process of sponsorship request sets, including the pending arrangement with the Final Salute Society and Dayton Foundation.

Edits/Revisions to the current forms will be made and sent to Nathaniel Peterson for review.

C) Personnel

Kim Frisco reported that the Admin Officer successfully completed his Probationary Period with a glowing evaluation.

It was further discussed and agreed that the Legal Counsel position pay range needed to be adjusted

to \$62,500.00 - \$79,500.00 annually. Staff will forward this adjustment to County HR for review and action.

D) Holiday Turkey Giveaway

The commission heard from Kim Frisco about a new partnership with both the Dayton VA Medical Center and the Dayton Foodbank to distribute 400 Turkeys to area Veterans in need.

Commission John Theobald made a motion to approve an expense not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purchase of 400 frozen turkeys via the Dayton Foodbank for distribution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bill Fried.

All present commissioners voted Aye.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

E) The Commissioners considered a request to fill the Vice President vacancy created by Fred Rojas' resignation.

A motion to choose Bill Fried to serve as Commission Vice President was made by Jim Dare and seconded by Jerry Hays. All in attendance voted Aye.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

An additional motion was offered by Jerry Hays to name Jim Dare as Commission Secretary and that motion was seconded by John Theobald. All in attendance voted Aye.

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

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Executive Director presented her report and staff reports from Legal Counsel and Admin officer. These reports are attached in their entirety.

X. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Jerry Hays

- President Jerry Hays reported that he and Staff met with the Union and the Union has agreed to rescind their complaint and submit a letter attesting to the same to the ethics commission.
- President Hays also reported that area DAV posts are starting to postpone in person meetings again.

Bill Fried

- Vice President Bill Fried reported Honor Flight Dayton is on hold through Spring 2022.
- Commissioner Fried also asked for a bio and photo of Steve Strain for use in prepping for Steve's presentation at Fall School for Commissioners.
- Commissioner Fried updated the commission regarding updates to the By Laws of the commission. He has forwarded suggested language to staff.

Jim Dare

- Commissioner Jim Dare reported visiting a 102 yr old veteran this month at the Kingston Nursing Home.

John Theobald

- Commissioner Theobald announced there will be leadership changes at AMVETS Post 24. Updates coming.
- Commissioner Theobald also expressed his support for County Issue 1 on the ballot, the Human Services Levy which is the main source for social services and social safety net funding in the county.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Jerry Hays, President

William Fried, Vice President

James Dare, Secretary

John Theobald, Commissioner