



MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
April 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silence
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 15, 2023
- V. Public Comments
  - a. Financial Assistance Appeal
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of March 1 – 31, 2023
  - b. Mental Health First Aid
- VII. New Business
  - a. Korean War Memorial Update
  - b. Medal of Honor Memorial
- VIII. Management Report
- IX. Commissioners' Reports
- X. Adjournment



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission  
April 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

**I. Call to Order**

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

**II. Roll Call**

Bryan Suddith took 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, Director
- Dan Semsel, Deputy Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Bryan Suddith, Admin Officer

**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**

President Fried moved to accept the minutes as presented with no changes, seconded by Commissioner Dare.

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

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**V. Public Comments**

- a) Financial Application Appeal Mr. Timothy Williams was in attendance and spoke briefly to the Commission regarding his Application for assistance denial. Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, discussed the application. Mr. Williams noted that a PIPP application is a difficult process. He noted he is working again and asked for food assistance and bus passes. Kim Frisco will make a referral to Transportation for the bus passes for VA trips. Transportation assistance is an automatic approval.

**VI. Old Business**

- a) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of March 1-31, 2023

Commissioner Theobald moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

From the denial list, Bruce Lewis was historically a Montgomery County resident. Currently a Greene County resident. Commissioner Theobald suggested a referral to Reentry Program.

Commissioner Theobald suggested that we table a discussion about the requirement of a County Veterans ID for dental care. The discussion centered around this being a requirement for care.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

- b) Mental Health First Aid June 26 here at MCVSC. The office is opening up the training to neighboring County VSC teams.
- c) Commissioner Fried asked about the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority issue from February. Director Frisco noted that the letter advocating for the Veteran was sent and no reply has been received from the director of the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority.

Commissioner Theobald stated that he is deeply unsatisfied with the lack of response from both the RTA and Community Action Partnership (CAP). He suggested that at this time the Commissioners send a letter to both organizations seeking an acknowledgement of our issues with each.

**VII. New Business**

- a) Korean War Memorial Update  
Director Frisco reminded the Commissioners that we have been working with Dodds Monuments for repair and restoration of the monument. The next step in the process has been proposed by Dodds.

Commissioner Theobald moved that we allocate up to \$35,000 for the completion of the repair and restoration work of the Ohio Koren War Veterans Memorial with Dodds Monuments, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fried.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

- b) Medal of Honor Memorial update from Bryan Suddith. Mr. Suddith stated that a committee has formed as part of the Wright Dunbar Association to fundraise and build a memorial for regional Medal of Honor recipients on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> of Edwin C. Moses Blvd.

### **VIII. Management Report**

1. Met with County Commissioners (BCC) and County Administrator recently to present our annual report.
  - Feedback from the BCC via Commissioner Theobald was all good.
2. New VSO, Mark Woffindale, is up and running. Is seeing clients for Financial Applications.
3. Deputy Director Dan Semsel gave a brief update for budget.
4. Bryan Suddith presented the Transportation report. We continue to hit new numbers for trips and costs.
5. Steve Strain presented this month's legal report.
  - New item- We plan to host a 1 year law student for a summer internship.
6. Reminder of the Annual Community Meeting next week on 4/25 at Top of the Market.
7. April 29, Honor Flight Welcome Home event at Dayton International Airport, Outreach event for the staff.

### **IX. Commissioners' Reports**

#### Commissioner Hays

- Shared with the group that he had a great appointment with a VSO this week. A testimony to the process and staff that he interacted with.

#### Commissioner Dare

- Registered for the Annual Community Meeting
- Requested that we get a copies of the Attorney General's office brochure on Scam Alerts.
- Post Elections were conducted last week.

#### Commissioner Fried

- Registered for the Annual Community Meeting.
- Local VVA post elections are April 20.
- Scholarship selections will happen next month.

#### Commissioner Theobald

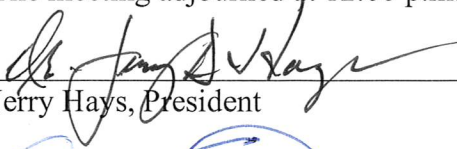
- Shared that he met with Dave Hart, a speaker at the last Commissioners Conference in Columbus. He is with JJR Solutions. Shared the Blue Skies for the Good Guys and Gals program.

Commissioner Howley


- No report (excused)

**X. Adjournment**

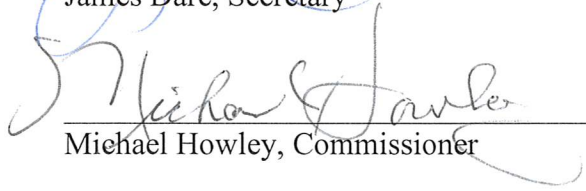
The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

  
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