

**Veterans Service Commission  
Hamilton County Ohio  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2024**

**Meeting called to order this date Wednesday July 3,2024, at 11:am.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jean Wilson.**

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Headen – excused, Mr. Rowland – present, Mr. Staniford – present, Mr. Watson – present, Mrs. Wilson – present, Mr. Sonza – present, Ms. Minser – present

**Approval of agenda:**

**A motion** to approve agenda as published made by Commissioner Rowland, duly seconded by Commissioner Staniford.

Discussion? Hearing none

Roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried

**June 26, 2024, meeting minutes:**

A motion to approve the June 26, 2024, meeting minutes made by Commissioner Staniford, duly seconded by Commissioner Rowland.

Discussion: Hearing none

Roll call vote to approve minutes as published:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried

**Executive session:**

1. **A motion** on record to move into Executive Session:

To review emergency financial assistance applications for the period of June 26, 2024, through July 2, 2024, as described in R.C. 121.22 (J) and 5901.09, was made by Commissioner Rowland, duly seconded by Commissioner Staniford.

Discussion? Hearing none

Roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Reconvened:**

**A motion** was made to approve the financial assistance list as presented by Commissioner Staniford, duly seconded by Commissioner Rowland.

Discussion? Hearing none

Roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried.

**A motion** was made to approve the not-eligible list by Commissioner Rowland duly seconded by Commissioner Staniford.

Discussion? Hearing none

Roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Transportation:

**Uber Health** – Questions and concerns about the liability on the County if the VSC is paying for the transportation to and from the VA medical appointments. Reaching out to Edward Pineda to see about getting a copy of their contract with Uber Health.

The auditor's office contacted the prosecutor's office to get an opinion on the Uber Health, depending on the amount we would spend over time would VSC need to get bids for transportation services.

This is all being investigated hoping to have all worked out prior to the next meeting on July 24, 2024

**Veterans Resource Event:** - Update on the event and an unfinalized program for the day was given to everyone. New flags are being ordered for all 6 branches of the service, American Flag and a POW/MIA flag as well. Give away items have been ordered as well. They will have the VSC logo on them, the website, and phone # on the items.

### **New Business**

Property Consolidation – Property Acquisition

VSC move to Mercy Health Building in Bond Hill – update it appears to be official that we will move in the fall of 2025.

Operation Thank you – Fireworks sponsorship

The Executive Director asked the board to consider sponsoring the Fireworks for the Operation Thank you that is being held on August 24, 2024. The fireworks cost to sponsor is \$5,000.00 all or part of the cost.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to sponsor fireworks, seconded by Commissioner Rowland.

**Discussion:**

With limited funding available currently because of the cost of advertising so far this year. A look into the VSC current budget needs to be addressed before any commitment can be made to sponsor anything at this time. An update on budget numbers will be available for the next board meeting.

**Event Calendar/outreach community meetings:**

Director Sonza asked that the Board Members communicate and schedule with the organizations they would like to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month at and to communicate this information to Pam to have update on the VSC website.

**Challenge coins:**

Commissioner Watson brought each of the Board Members a challenge coin and would like to look at the VSC getting a challenge coin as well. Pam can look into getting bids done for the challenge coins.

**Open forum:**

Commissioner Watson talked about the convention he attended.

Office will be CLOSED July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday July 24, 2024

Motion made to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Watson.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Rowland – yes, Mr. Staniford – yes, Mr. Watson – yes, Mrs. Wilson – yes

Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Commissioner, Wilson: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner, Staniford: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner: Watson: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner: Rowland: \_\_\_\_\_