



BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

1. Roll call conducted indicated the following members of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission Board of Commissioners were present for this regular meeting on August 18, 2021:

Commissioner Tom Jeffers, American Legion Representative
Commissioner Bruce Jones, AmVets Representative
Commissioner David Reed, DAV Representative
Commissioner James Eriksen Jr., VFW Representative
Commissioner Chuck Weber, Member-at-Large

Office Staff Present: Executive Director/CVSO, Mike Farmer
Assistant Executive Director/CVSO, Matt Jones
Administrative Assistant, Loren McKenzie

2. The meeting of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission-Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Weber, with all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Reed, and passing unanimously to approve the agenda, for this Butler County Veterans Service Commission Board of Commissioners August 18, 2021 regular meeting.
4. Reading Open Meeting and Right to Speak at Meeting guidelines were waived.
5. **Meeting minutes approval:**
 - a) **July 14, 2021 minutes.** A motion was made by Commissioner Weber, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to approve the minutes. Draft copies of these minutes were sent to Commissioners for review prior to this meeting.

VOTE: To approve regular mtg. min				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

6. **Bill payment and operational expenses approvals:**
 - a) **Invoices paid July 3, 2021 – August 11, 2021.** A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Eriksen, and seconded by Commissioner Reed.

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VOTE: To approve listed expenses				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

7. Correspondence/Communications shared with Commissioners (No action needed):

- a) Thank you card for Matt Jones from David Wilson and Darlene Mays
- b) Thank you card for Casey James from David Wilson and Darlene Mays
- c) Thank you card for Tian Myers from Beatrice Wroot

8. Office Outreach and Training Items

- a) July 2021 Statistical Report was shared for discussion
- b) Outreach calendar
 - 1) August outreach calendar
 - 2) Future Events
- c) ODVS Butler 2020 Green Sheet

9. Old Business:

- a) None

10. New Business:

- a) **Approval of 2020 Annual Report.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Erikson, to approve the 2020 Annual Report as written.

VOTE: To approve 2020 Annual Report				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- b) **Approval of Cumulus Advertising Proposal.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the 2022 Cumulus advertising proposal as presented NTE \$92,600.

VOTE: To approve advertising				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- c) **Approval of iHeart Digital Advertising Proposal.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to approve the 2022 iHeart Digital advertising proposal as presented NTE \$124,000.

VOTE: To approve advertising				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

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- d) **Approval of Key-Ads Advertising Proposal.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the 2022 Key-Ads advertising proposal as presented NTE \$31,200.

VOTE: To approve advertising				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- e) **Approval of Cox Media First Advertising Proposal.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to approve the 2022 Cox Media First advertising proposal as presented NTE \$848 per month.

VOTE: To approve advertising				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- f) **Approval of Executive Director becoming a member of OSAVSC.** A motion was made by Commissioner Weber, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to approve the Executive Director to become a member of the OSAVSC.

VOTE: To approve membership				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

11. **Guests:**
a) None

12. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to go into closed executive session to discuss Financial Applications adjudicated in July 2021 and 2 appeals for Financial Assistance.

VOTE: To go into closed session				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

Discussion on Financial Applications adjudicated during July 2021 and 2 appeals for Financial Assistance.

At this time the BCVSC-BOC exited from Executive Session to vote on all items discussed as needed.

13. Veteran case votes on items from Executive Session
a) **Accept applications as adjudicated in July 2021.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, to accept applications from July 1-31, 2021 as adjudicated by Executive Director.

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(Exhibit 1)

VOTE: To accept				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- b) **Vote on appeal for financial assistance c/o veteran Bowling.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve to lift suspension effective today.

VOTE: To approve as written				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

- d) **Vote on appeal for financial assistance c/o spouse Parker.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Jones, to deny appeal.

VOTE: To deny				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

14. Office Operations:

- a) **Approve Mid-Probation Evaluation c/o Steve Harbin.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve Mid-Probation Evaluation for Steve Harbin.

VOTE: To approve as written				
TJ	BJ	DR	JE	CW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

15. Statements, comments and/or discussion by:

- a) **Executive Director:** The office staff is doing an excellent job. Steven is on his own. Pam is new and in training. Call volume is up. Service work is good and they are back in to training. Next meeting is going to have 2022 budget presentations from iHeart Radio and Cumulus. Also, annual report should be on the next meeting.

- b) **Commissioners:** Chuck- Annual report was the best he has ever seen. Dave Reed might not be here for the next meeting.

16. The date and time of the next regular meeting is posted as:

Date: **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**
Time: **09:30 AM**
Place: **VSC Hamilton Conference Room**

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17. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and passing with unanimous votes to adjourn the meeting.

The undersigned acknowledge the correctness of these minutes and submit them as the official record:



Chuck Weber, President



Tom Jeffers, Secretary

Butler County Veterans Service Commission

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Veteran Name	Dependent	Occupation/relationship	City	Zip	Adjudication	Amount	Jan Meeting
Allen, Ricky L.		Disabled	Trenton	45067	Initial	\$ 1,387.23	5 for-0 against
Baker, Raymond F.	Roseina	Widow	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 635.50	5 for-0 against
Calender, Richard H.		Retired	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 845.00	5 for-0 against
Crawford, Michael J.		Truck Driver	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 2,499.81	5 for-0 against
Edwards, Shayla R.		CNA	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 2,252.30	5 for-0 against
Gaither, James D.		Unemployed	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 2,170.00	5 for-0 against
Gamble, Zachary A.		Landscaper	West Chester	45069	Appeal Approved	\$ 2,500.00	5 for-0 against
Garrett, Timothy J.		Retired	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 996.31	5 for-0 against
Harrison Jr., Harry D.		Retired	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 1,750.00	5 for-0 against
Hayes III, Earl L.		Disabled	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 613.62	5 for-0 against
Inman, Curtis		Retired	Hamilton	45015	Initial	\$ 765.95	5 for-0 against
Johnson, Paul L.		Retired	Cincinnati	45246	Initial	\$ 683.00	5 for-0 against
Lee, Jerry T.		Disabled	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 1,263.32	5 for-0 against
Maffett, Jacob L.		Sanitation	Hamilton	45015	Initial	\$ 2,141.25	5 for-0 against
Maxwell, Robert L.		Disabled	West Chester	45069	Initial	\$ 1,183.22	5 for-0 against
Mazion, Otis	Janice	Widow	Fairfield	45014	Initial	\$ 716.62	5 for-0 against
McDaniel, Reggie J.		Unemployed	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 1,833.48	5 for-0 against
Middleton, Keith T.		Disabled	Fairfield	45014	Initial	\$ 1,190.00	5 for-0 against

Mincey, Willie E.		Retired	Fairfield	45014	Initial	\$ 1,322.20	5 for-0 against
Page Sr., Erskine A.		Retired	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 1,374.12	5 for-0 against
Rhodes Jr., Acie		Unemployed	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 476.08	5 for-0 against
Ridenour, William K.		Retired	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 1,205.00	5 for-0 against
Ridley Jr., Gary P.		Disabled	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 1,212.18	5 for-0 against
Robinson, James R.		Unemployed	West Chester	45069	Initial	\$ 455.00	5 for-0 against
Rowe, Doellis	Ruby	Widow	Hamilton	45013	Appeal Approved	\$ 1,085.00	5 for-0 against
Salyer, Jimmy R.		Disabled	Middletown	45042	Initial	\$ 405.00	5 for-0 against
Sandlin, Daniel L.		Retired	Hamilton	45011	Initial	\$ 365.57	5 for-0 against
Simmons, David L.		Disabled	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 762.00	5 for-0 against
Stewart, Edward R.		Unemployed	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 930.00	5 for-0 against
Strother, Rebecca N.		Unemployed	Hamilton	45013	Initial	\$ 2,499.21	5 for-0 against
Sullivan, Johnny C.		Disabled	Trenton	45067	Initial	\$ 675.00	5 for-0 against
Taylor Jr., Nathan A.	Virginia	Widow	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 455.00	5 for-0 against
Vinson, John C.		Hope House	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 813.33	5 for-0 against
Williams, Morris		Unemployed	Hamilton	45015	Initial	\$ 1,454.52	5 for-0 against
Woodspporter, Kenneth R.		Unemployed	Middletown	45044	Initial	\$ 458.00	5 for-0 against
Swindall, Timothy W.		Employed	Middletown	45042	Review	\$ 1,831.25	5 for-0 against