



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 February 15, 2023:

Commissioner Bruce Jones, AMVETS Representative
Commissioner Dave Reed, DAV Representative
Commissioner Tom Jeffers, American Legion Representative
Commissioner Mark Applegate, VFW Representative

Office Staff Present: Executive Director/CVSO, Mike Farmer
Assistant Executive Director/CVSO, Matt Jones
Administrative Assistant to Exec. Staff, Lisa Meece

2. The meeting of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission-Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Jones, with all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Applegate, and passing unanimously to approve the agenda, for this Butler County Veterans Service Commission Board of Commissioners February 15, 2023 regular meeting.
4. Reading Open Meeting and Right to Speak at Meeting guidelines were waived.
5. **Meeting minutes approval:**
a) **January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Commissioner Reed, and seconded by Commissioner Jeffers, to approve the regular meeting minutes. Draft copies of these minutes were sent to Commissioners for review prior to this meeting.

VOTE: To approve				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

6. **Bill payment and operational expenses approvals:**
 a) **Invoices paid January 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023.** Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Reed.

VOTE: To approve				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

7. **Correspondence/Communications shared with Commissioners:**

a) Thank you- Widow of Veteran Mays to Staff

8. **Statistical Reporting and Outreach**

- a) January 2023 Statistical Report was shared for discussion
 b) February/March Outreach Calendar was shared
 c) Advertising Sponsor. Possible advertising sponsor to VAMC Event “Operation Thank You 2023” was tabled until the March 14, 2023 regular meeting.

9. **Executive Directors Report:**

January 17, 2023 the VA implemented the COMPACT Act, any veterans can seek treatment for mental health crisis free of charge either at a VAMC or private provide. NACVSO is asking again for the CVSO Act. Our Congressional leaders were met with and support the initiative. VA Access continues to improve for county veteran service officers. The Board agreed with the Director in sending a letter of support to Senator Brown, Senator Vance and Congressman Davidson.

The staff within the office is doing great. It is a very cohesive group which support each other, our mission, and the community.

We are actively working to fill the Outreach/Peer Mentor Coordinator role, but have the pressing urgent tasks covered temporarily.

10. **Old Business:**

a) None

11. **New Business:**

a) **Transportation Services.** A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate and seconded by Commissioner Jeffers to accept Transportation Services Contract 202305VSC with BCRTA for Transportation Services for the period in April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026 not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,528,404.00) for the three year contract period.

VOTE: To approve				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

b) **Banners.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Applegate to approve the purchasing of twelve (12) banners to be hung in West Chester.

VOTE: To approve				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

12. **Guest(s):** None

13. **Executive Session.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Reed, to enter Closed Executive Session to discuss Financial Applications adjudicated in January 2023.

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

Discussion on Financial Applications adjudicated during January 2023

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

14. **Veteran case votes on items from Executive Session**

- a) **Accept Applications as Adjudicated in January 2023.** A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to accept the applications from January 1-31, 2023 as adjudicated by Executive Director. (Exhibit 1)

VOTE: To accept				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

15. **Office Operations:**

- a) **Winter Quarterly.** A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve 5 staff to attend Winter Quarterly training NTE \$1700.00.

VOTE: To approve				
MA	CW	TJ	DR	BJ
Y	NP	Y	Y	Y
MOTION CARRIES				

16. **Statements, Comments and/or Discussion by:**

- a) Executive Director: The staff is progressing well- S.O.'s in training are taking on an increasing number of appointments and VBC's are fully utilizing our programs and referrals and continue to engage at the community level that is unprecedented.

b) Commissioners: **None.**

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

Date: **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting**
Time: **9:30 A.M.**
Place: **VSC Hamilton Conference Room**

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffers and 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:



Bruce Jones, President



Tom Jeffers, Secretary

Butler County Veterans Service Commission



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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Application Period

1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023

<u>Veteran Full Name</u>	<u>Dependant Applicant Name</u>	<u>Occupation - Relationship</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Adjudication</u>	<u>Approved Aid</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
ATHERTON, ROBERT	ATHERTON, LINDA	WIDOWER	HAMILTON	45015	Initial Application - Approved	\$554.42	5 for - 0 against
BOWLING, DAVID		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,679.34	5 for - 0 against
BROWN, SARUDI		UNEMPLOYED	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,766.56	5 for - 0 against
BYRD, MICHAEL		FMLA	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,322.00	5 for - 0 against
CHAPMAN, DAVID		UNEMPLOYED	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,530.79	5 for - 0 against
CUPP III, INMON		DSP HOME HEALTH CARE	HAMILTON	45015	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,998.99	5 for - 0 against
DALE JR, SAMMY		CDL TRUCK DRIVER	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application - Approved	\$2,180.00	5 for - 0 against
GILBERT, JAMES	GILBERT, BRENDA	WIDOW	FAIRFIELD	45011	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,505.00	5 for - 0 against
HALSEY, KEVIN		MACHINE OPERATOR	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,245.00	5 for - 0 against
KLUMB, TRACY		DISABLED	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,741.88	5 for - 0 against
MCCRACKEN, CRAIG		MEIJER SELF CHECK OUT	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,123.79	5 for - 0 against
MCINTIRE, BOBBIE		RETIRED	TRENTON	45067	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,546.26	5 for - 0 against
NEWMAN II, RONNIE		LAI D OFF	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application - Approved	\$2,048.90	5 for - 0 against
SCHULZE, MICHAEL		DISABLED	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application - Approved	\$1,784.64	5 for - 0 against
SMITH, DANNY		RETIRED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Approved	\$602.75	5 for - 0 against
TAYLOR, DAVID		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Approved	\$682.58	5 for - 0 against
TREADWAY, MATTHEW		LAYED OFF PILE DRIVER	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Approved	\$915.77	5 for - 0 against
TAYLOR, BRIAN		UNEMPLOYED	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application - Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
WILLIAMS, DAVID		UNEMPLOYED	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application - Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
AINSWORTH, JEREMY		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application - Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
HUBER, DANIEL		UNEMPLOYED	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application - Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against



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