



BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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BOARD MEETING March 20, 2024

1. The meeting of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission- Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Jones.
2. A roll call was conducted and recorded the following attendance for this regular meeting on March 20, 2024.

Name	Organization	Present	Absent
Commissioner Jones	AMVETS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Reed	DAV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Applegate	American Legion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Calihan	At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Robinette	VFW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

3. Board President Business

- a. All who were able stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the agenda for March 20, 2024. No discussion.

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- c. A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Board meeting minutes from February 21, 2024 as written. No discussion.

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- d. A report on the Suicide Prevention Committee was given by Commissioner Applegate. Commissioner Applegate shared that the next meeting will be held in the large conference room of the county building next Thursday, March 28th from 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. He also shared that we will be hosting a Veterans Job and Resource Fair here in the foyer of the main building on April 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- e. An update report was given by Executive Director Mike Farmer. Atomic Data is in the final stages. We are waiting for one more billing cycle which should be received this week. Suicide Prevention is continuing to move forward. The 844-4CRISIS will be live on our phone line, hopefully today. Cheryl Mason, the former Chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals will be here April 12th at 1:00 p.m.
- f. A report on the Veterans Day Event committee was given by Commissioner Calihan. Commissioner Calihan shared that the date for the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Event will be August 24th as it will be tied in with Hamilpalooza. We have been working with the Hamilton Chamber and the Parks Conservancy to coordinate and plan the event. The veterans portion of the event will begin around 3:00 p.m. with a guest speaker. Mark Messerschmitt has coordinated for the 4 Mile Creek Band to perform and Dan Bates has verified that the food vendors will accept the \$20 vouchers we are providing for veterans. Adam will handle the alcohol permit and Mark Messerschmitt will coordinate with Molson Coors for servers. Overall, Commissioner Calihan feels this is a great opportunity for something very special and that there will be more information to come in April.

4. Bill Payment and Operational Expenses Approvals

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the listed bills for February 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024. No discussion.

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5. Correspondence/Communications

- a. Thank You email to Matt Jones- c/o Veteran Young was shared

6. Statistical Reporting and Outreach

- a. February 2024 Statistical Report was shared for discussion
- b. March/April Outreach Calendar was shared
 - i. Rededication of Butler County Memorial- 9:00 a.m. on May 25, 2024
 - ii. Butler County Memorial Day Parade- May 27, 2024

7. Presentation

- a. A presentation was given by Lauren McCarroll/Local 12
 - i. Health and Retirement Expo
 - ii. Mental Health Awareness

8. New Business

- a. Approve advertisement on Lamar Billboard as outlined in item 8a of meeting packet for suicide prevention messaging on 747 leading to the West Chester area in an amount not to exceed \$13,850.00 for the months of May, June, September and October of 2024.
- b. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter contract for the Health and Retirement Expo in partnership with Local 12 and Cincinnati VA Medical Center. Sponsorship details are outlined in the signed mutual agreement and as presented to the Board in an amount not to exceed \$3,250.00.
- c. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter contract for a Mental Health Awareness campaign with Local 12. Sponsorship details are outlined in the signed agreement and as presented to the Board in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the New Business as presented.

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9. Guest(s): None

10. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, and seconded by Commissioner Reed to enter Executive Session to discuss Financial Applications adjudicated in February 2024.

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Discussion on Financial Assistance Applications adjudicated during February 2024.

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

11. Items from Executive Session for Vote

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Applegate, seconded by Commissioner Reed to accept the Financial Assistance Application from February 1 – February 29, 2024 as adjudicated by the Executive Director. (Exhibit 1)

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12. Office Operations

- a. Point of Information was offered by the Executive Director, that April 8th the office will be closed.

13. Items for Discussion

- a. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Jones asked that the other Commissioners offer support to staff with all of the outreach opportunities coming up.
- b. Director/Executive Leadership Comments:
 - i. Mike Farmer- None
 - ii. Matt Jones- Matt shared that the staff continues to do a great job and thanked the Commissioners for all of their support.
 - iii. Lisa Meece- None

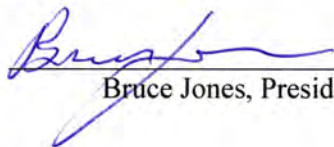
14. Next scheduled meeting:

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
 Time: 9:30 A.M.
 Place: Veterans Service Commission, Conference Room

15. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Applegate, seconded by Commissioner Reed. No discussion.

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



 Bruce Jones, President
 Butler County Veterans Service Commission



 Mark Applegate, Secretary



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Monthly Meeting Minutes Application Period

02/01/2024 to 02/29/2024

Veteran Full Name	Dependant Applicant Name	Occupation or Relationship	City	Zip	Adjudication	Approved Aid	Meeting
ALLEN, RICKY	ALLEN MAIDEN: HENRY, SANDRA	SPOUSE	TRENTON	45067	Initial Application Approved	\$1,615.38	5 for - 0 against
BALL, ARON		INSTA CART	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Approved	\$1,080.00	5 for - 0 against
BERRY, BRIAN		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Approved	\$800.00	5 for - 0 against
CENTERS, JOHN	CENTERS, MARTHA		WEST CHESTER	45069	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
CHARLES, ALVIN		UNEMPLOYED	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP	45044	Initial Application Approved	\$2,145.00	5 for - 0 against
CLOUD, KENNETH		RETIRED	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application Approved	\$1,192.00	5 for - 0 against
COLLINS, RONALD		DISABLED	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application Approved	\$236.18	5 for - 0 against
DALE JR, SAMMY		CDL TRUCK DRIVER	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application Approved	\$920.00	5 for - 0 against
EARHART, JERRY	EARHART, BARBARA	WIDOW	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
FARMER, MICHAEL			HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
FRANKLIN JR, LONNIE		MAINTENANCE	HAMILTON	45015	Initial Application Approved	\$1,751.00	5 for - 0 against
FRISBY, PAUL		RETIRED	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
HANNAHS, WILLIAM		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Approved	\$1,344.92	5 for - 0 against
ILES, DERICK		CANVASER	WEST CHESTER	45069	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
IRBY JR, DONALD		SUPERVISOR	WEST CHESTER	45069	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
JOHNSON, STEPHANIE		UNEMPLOYED	LIBERTY TWP	45011	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
KAKARIS, TIMOTHY		RETIRED	MIDDLETOWN	45044	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
LOGSDON , RICHARD			MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Approved	\$1,470.62	5 for - 0 against
LUSTER, SHELLEE		PRE SCHOOL TEACHER	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
MATTHEWS, CHRISTOPHER	MATTHEWS , ROBIN		HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
MORGAN, MICHAEL		RETIRED	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Approved	\$1,286.00	5 for - 0 against
NESMITH, SHANNON		UNEMPLOYED/FULL TIME STUDENT	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application Approved	\$2,340.67	5 for - 0 against
NEWMAN, BRAD		UNEMPLOYED	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Approved	\$792.66	5 for - 0 against
REVELEE, SKIPPY		RETIRED	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application Approved	\$1,200.00	5 for - 0 against
RUMLEY JR, ESTEL		DISABLED	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
RUSH, JEREMY		UNEMPLOYED	MONROE	45050	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against



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SMITH, GARY		RETIRED/DISABLED	TRENTON	45067	Initial Application Approved	\$1,454.91	5 for - 0 against
STATEN, GARY	STATEN, LAURA	SPOUSE	OXFORD	45056	Initial Application Approved	\$1,870.00	5 for - 0 against
STEPHENS, DOUGLAS		CARPENTER	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
THOMAS, ENORRIS		RETIRED	MIDDLETOWN	45042	Initial Application Incomplete	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
THOMAS, VENITA		SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application Approved	\$1,771.43	5 for - 0 against
TIMPSON, JADA		SERVER	FAIRFIELD	45014	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
WEBB, CHARLES		UNEMPLOYED	HAMILTON	45011	Initial Application Approved	\$486.00	5 for - 0 against
WELLS, GREGORY		DRIVER	HAMILTON	45013	Initial Application Denied	\$0.00	5 for - 0 against
WILSON, JEREMY		UNEMPLOYED	WEST CHESTER	45011	Initial Application Approved	\$1,015.95	5 for - 0 against