

**RESOLUTION HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 VETERAN SERVICES COMMISSION BUDGET REQUEST**

WHEREAS, This being the date set for the public hearing on the proposed 2023 appropriations to the Ashtabula County Veteran Services Commission in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5901.11; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Services Commission, submitted their proposed budget for consideration and discussion; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2023 Budget request submitted by the Veteran Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance included: Dan Whitmire, Ben Schwartzfigure, Mark Baker, Richard Arndt, Jerry Krieg via GoToMeeting, Susan Hill, Mandy Orahood, Wendy DuBey, Lisa Hawkins, Janet Discher, Press: Brian Haytcher; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 Appropriation request of the Veterans Services Commission was discussed and reviewed, with Ben Schwartzfigure presenting information regarding the 2023 appropriation request. An amendment to the original budget submission dated May 4, 2022 was presented, reflecting changes to line items, but not the total amount requested. There are anticipated additional training costs. The following documents were submitted for review and discussion: annual report comparison of all counties in Ohio; report from 2017 thru 2021 of what is returned to the Ashtabula County; an activity report and expenditures for Veterans Federal vs. County from 2012-2021. They have increased outreach and the newsletter has been effective in reaching veterans. There has been an increase in the volume of veterans coming in. There are 6 persons in the office, 5 are Service Officers. The total veterans, spouses, children, etc. assisted from January 1, 2022 to date is 5,979. Total relief spent is \$34,385.60. They discussed total retroactive payments and the services provided.

WHEREAS, There were no public comments received; and

WHEREAS, There being no further comments or questions; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing on the proposed 2023 budget for the Veteran Services Commission is adjourned.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**Resolution No. 2023-539**

**October 26, 2023**

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COMMISSION BUDGET REQUEST**

**Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.**

**VOTE:**

**Casey R. Kozlowski  
Kathryn L. Whittington  
J.P. Ducro IV**

**Aye  
Aye  
Absent**

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



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Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board  
Board of County Commissioners  
Ashtabula County, Ohio