

**Veterans Commission**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

**Tom Gordy  
Arshad Hussain  
Nancy Jean-Louis**

**Donnell E. Johns, Sr.  
Wayne Murphy  
Tim Parrish**

Present: Commissioners Tom Gordy, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell E. Johns, Sr., Wayne Murphy, Tim Parrish; Director Joe Gilkerson, Admins Stacy Anderson and Veronica Marquez and two (2) citizens. Director Joe Gilkerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Administrative Comments

- Commissioners do not have the ability to obtain County email addresses. The website for the Veterans Commission is being created by DoIT. Commissioners were invited to the 9/11 Memorial that will be held at the County Complex on September 10, 2021. Commissioner Parrish recommended that the Veterans Commission release a statement regarding the events in Afghanistan.

FOIA

- Rob Skoff, County Attorney, gave a virtual presentation on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Election of Chair

- Commissioner Tom Gordy was elected as Chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

- Commissioner Tim Parrish was elected as Vice-Chair.

Election of Secretary

- Commissioner Wayne Murphy was elected as Secretary.

Minutes

- Minutes of August 05, 2021, were approved (Gordy-moved/Parrish-seconded/Unanimous).

### Review/Approve By-Laws

- The By-Laws were reviewed, and changes were made. The Commissioners voted to accept the bylaws with the recommended changes. (Parrish-moved/Murphy-seconded/Unanimous).

### Public Comment Time

- None.

### Next Meetings

- Director Joe Gilkerson will bring in more information regarding veteran services in the County such as employment opportunities and veteran discounts with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Meet with the County Demographer to discuss tracking the veteran population, to include dependents, within the County.
- Review the remote participation resolution.

### New Business

- Commissioners would like more information on the website and what will be included.
- Discussed a statement from the County Supervisors for the Operation Enduring Freedom veterans and include the suicide prevention hotline from the commission.

### Meeting Time and Location

- Commission will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm excluding the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the Powell's Creek conference room in the McCoart building.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm. (Murphy-motion/Johns Sr-seconded)