

September 01, 2022

Powells Creek

Veterans Commission

MINUTES

Members

Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis
Tom Gordy
Arshad Hussain
Nancy Jean-Louis

Donnell E. Johns, Sr.
Cheryl S. H. Lamar
Tim Parrish

Present: Commissioners Vanessa Gattis, Arshad Hussain, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell E. Johns, Sr., Cheryl Lamar, Tim Parrish; Director Joe Gilkerson and Admin Stacy Anderson. Vice-Chair Tim Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Minutes

- Minutes of August 4, 2022 were approved (Gattis-moved/Lamar-seconded/Unanimous).

Public Comment Time

- None.

Administrative Comments

Work Session

- Barbara Diehl from Area Agency on Aging spoke to the Commission in person regarding services provided by the agency to the veterans in the County.
- Discussed the resolution for Holiday Observances and Events. Commission voted on resolution. (Hussain-moved/Lamar-seconded/Motion passed 5-1 with Gattis voting No)

Next Meetings

- Discuss time limit being added to standing rules for guest speakers.

New Business

- Commissioners would like to have a commercial for the Commission to get exposure within the County.

Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Lamar – Discussed the changes that will be occurring to the Veteran Survivor Benefit Plan.
- Commissioner Johns Sr. – Discussed disability pay going up 10% in January 2023. Stated he appreciated the guest speaker and that he learned a lot. Apologized for his tardiness and agreed with creating a time limit.
- Commissioner Parrish – Agreed with creating a time limit. Wants to look into getting data of Veterans moving to the County to send information on services. Discussed a bill passing that encompasses the first 40% of Veteran retirement income not being taxed.
- Commissioner Jean-Louis - Spoke regarding the issues with Veterans home of record. Believe TAPS could be a good way to get the information out.
- Commissioner Gattis – Spoke regarding valuing each other's time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. (Parrish-motion/Gattis-seconded/unanimous)