

March 07, 2024

Board Chambers

## **Veterans Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **Members**

**Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis**  
**Nancy Jean-Louis**  
**Donnell E. Johns, Sr.**  
**Cheryl Lamar**

**Tim Parrish**  
**Joshua Quill**  
**Dean Woodard**

Present: Commissioners Vanessa Gattis, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell Johns Sr., Cheryl Lamar, Tim Parrish, and Dean Woodard; Director of Human Resources Joseph Gilkerson and Admin Stacy Anderson. Chair Tim Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### Minutes

- Minutes of February 1, 2024, were approved (Gattis-motion/Woodard-seconded/Unanimous).

### Public Comment Time

- One Citizen

### Administrative Remarks

- Discussed the staff reports that are being done on behalf of the four (4) resolutions the Commission submitted to the Board of County Supervisors.

### Work Session

- Commission nominated and voted for Vanessa Gattis to serve as Chair (Parrish-motion/Woodard-seconded/Unanimous)
- Commission nominated and voted for Tim Parrish to serve as Vice-Chair (Gattis-motion/Lamar-seconded/Unanimous)
- Commission nominated and voted for Joshua Quill to serve as Secretary (Johns Sr.-motion/Gattis-seconded/Unanimous)

### Old Business

- None.

### New Business

- None.

## Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Woodard – Let the Commission know that March 5, 2024, is the 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday for the Navy Seabees.
- Commissioner Lamar – Let the Commission know that she will be out of the country mid-April through early to mid-June and will not be available for meetings.
- Commissioner Gattis – Congratulated Commissioner Johns Sr. for winning the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce business award for 2024. Let the Commission know that the Executive Director of Willing Warriors sent her thanks regarding the resolution for tax relief. The Commission has been invited to take a tour of the facility, hold a meeting if desired, and attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Commissioner Johns – Stated that the tax relief resolution is a great thing and a big win. Let the Commission know that there will be a Veterans Connect event on March 23, 2024, from 5-9 pm. This event will be a claims clinic for those in attendance.
- Commissioner Gattis – Suggested the idea of a round table event or something similar for the public to let citizens in the County know who their representative is for their district.
- Commissioner Parrish – Congratulated the incoming Chair and Secretary in their new positions. Wished safe travels to all.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. (Woodard-motion/Gattis -seconded/unanimous)