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June 12, 2020

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting June 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the President, Mr. Schmidt, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Destro, Mr. Forster, Mr. Grassa, and Mr. Hoessle were present.

The minutes from the May 14, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Executive Session
At 4:05 pm Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to enter executive session for Veterans Service Commission applications.

Mr. Destro	Yes
Mr. Forster	Yes
Mr. Grassa	Yes
Mr. Hoessle	Yes
Mr. Schmidt	Yes

At 4:15 pm the Commissioners returned to regular session.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. James Latten	Yes	No	

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $3,405.06. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #024-06-20)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $3,427.87 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #025-06-20)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 54 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $36,960.38; motion carried. *(Resolution #026-06-20)*

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $2,462.37 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #027-06-20)*

Indigent Burial: No indigent burial applications to be presented to the board this month.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to approve the gift card policy; motion carried. *(Resolution #028-06-20)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to make proposed changes to the Dental Contract (July 1, 2020 – December 2021); motion carried. *(Resolution #029-06-20)*

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to approve proposed changes to FA guidelines; motion carried. *(Resolution #030-06-20)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the County policy for the procurement card; motion carried. *(Resolution #031-06-20)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of May:

- 3 new applicants for financial assistance and 51 old cases for a total of 54 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 21 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 14 appointments for the month
- More than 250 direct phone calls
- More than 245 phone messages
- 16 van riders

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- September 15, 2020 – September 18, 2020- OSACVSO Fall School

CVSC

- November 20, 2020 – November 22, 2020 – Fall Conference
- March 19, 2021 – March 21, 2021 – Spring Conference

EVENTS

Future:

- August 3, 2020 - Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair.
- August 27, 2020 – Veteran's Briefing (Location TBD)

- September 24, 2020 - Veteran's Briefing (Location TBD)

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Destro: Memorial Day celebration, VFW Farmer's Market, Memorial Day activities with VVA 385 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Rededication for Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Hall.
Mr. Forster: March: Coalition meeting and VSO meeting, April: 3 VSO meetings & VFW meeting, May: 2 VFW meetings, Conference call, 2 VSO Meetings, VFW Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans hall meeting, June: VFW Meeting and VSO Meeting.
Mr. Grassa: May: VSO wreath laying, Home Corp hall sanitizing, Home Corps worked on computer, hall sign and planted flowers. June: Home Corps hall maintenance, hall board meeting, VFW membership meeting and American Legion staff meeting.
Mr. Hoessle: VFW #5137: Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop Advisor for Troop 5137, Building and Grounds, Honor guard and all VFW #5137 meetings. American Legion #202: Honor Guard, Treasurer, Buckeye Boys State Trustee, Post Adjutant and attended all A.L. #202 meetings. Medina County Veterans Memorial "Home Corps": Treasurer and attended all meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letters (x3) from clients.
- Letter from AMVETS #1990

OLD BUSINESS

- Reopen safely initiative. June 1, 2020 we will start taking appointments again w/ restrictions.
- MCPT extended to 30 days past Recorder's Office reopening.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sign VN Info
- Vet owned business
- Executive Session held at 3:30 before the regular meeting.
- Vietnam Mem. sign has been completed.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- Ancillary Accounts were reviewed and approved.
- Mr. Zackery's comp time reviewed and approved.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:31 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

CLERK _____

DATE 7/9/2020