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October 9, 2020

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting October 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:24 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 September 10, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Executive Session

At 4:28 pm Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded a motion to enter executive session for certain personnel matters.

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

At 4:30 pm the Commissioners returned to regular session.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Donna Carter *(Widow of Bobby Carter)*	No	No	N/A
2. Brenda Milligan *(Widow of David Milligan)*	Yes	No	N/A

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $8,481.63. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #053-10-20)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $1,314.55 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #054-10-20)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 15 cases. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $10,154.66; motion carried. *(Resolution #055-10-20)*

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $300.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #056-010-20)*

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to have food voucher amounts align with amounts used by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; motion carried. *(Resolution #057-10-20)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to limit transportation to two people per row in each county van when transporting to the VA; motion carried. *(Resolution #058-10-20)*

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to grant a 2.5% raises for Mr. Zackery, Miss. Slonaker, Ms. Boggs and Ms. Amsden effective January 1, 2021; motion carried. *(Resolution #059-10-20)*

Mr Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to purchase Christmas dinners which will be distributed to Medina County Veterans in December; motion carried. *(Resolution #060-10-20)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of September:

- 2 new applicants for financial assistance and 13 old cases for a total of 15 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 43 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 75 appointments for the month
- 42 van riders
- 385+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

- March 19, 2021 – March 21, 2021 – Spring Conference

EVENTS

Past:

- September 11, 2020 – 9/11 Ceremony (Closed)

- September 11, 2020 – 10:30, Senator Obhof's Veteran of the Year in Medina.
- September 12, 2020 – 9:00 AM, Medina County Veteran's Coalition at the Lodi American Legion in Lodi.
- September 18, 2020 – 7:00 PM, POW/MIA ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Medina.
- September 25, 2020 – Veterans Hall of Fame for Valor Noon at Cy Hewitt Park in Seville.
- September 26, 2020 – 100th birthday for veteran
- September 27, 2020 – Gold Star Mother's Day

Future:

- November 18, 2020 – Leadership Local Government Day and luncheon in Medina.

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Destro): Coalition meeting, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame valor award ceremony, VVA #385 membership meeting, VFW membership meeting, filled out VVA #385 semi annual financial reports, completed bookkeeping activities for the MCVMF and presented awards to Mr. Clinkerberg for his 100th birthday.

VVA Representative (Mr. Forster): VSO meeting, Veteran's hall golf outing, VFW color guard, VFW meeting, DAV meeting and VVA meeting.

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): September: (10th) VSO meeting, (12th) VFW honor guard and Coalition meeting, (14th) VFW Post surgeon duties and cut grass at Veteran's hall, (15th) Home Corps Commander meeting, (16th) Home Corp hall rental and VFW A/V installation, (19th) Home Corp fundraiser, (21st) VFW membership duties, (22nd) VFW A/V installation and American Legion staff meeting, (23rd) VFW honor guard, (26th) VSO Wadsworth Veteran's 100th birthday, (28th) American Legion flag sales and American Legion meeting, (29th) Home Corp shopping for office and cleaning supplies and (30th) American Legion flag sales October: (2nd) Home Corp meeting with boy scouts on fence installation, (3rd) Home Corp board meeting, (5th) VFW work on A/V system, (6th) VFW meeting and (8th) VSO meeting.

VFW Representative (Mr. Hoessle): VFW #5137: Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop Advisor for Troop 5137, Building and Grounds, Honor guard, pavilion upgrade, and all VFW #5137 meetings. American Legion #202: Finance Officer & Adjutant, Buckeye Boys State Trustee, and attended all A.L. #202 meetings. Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall- Home Corp: Finance Officer and Building and Grounds.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Reopen Safely initiative – Extended through the end of 2020.
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial benches and sign information.
- Budget hearing on October 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the County Administration Building.

NEW BUSINESS

- Christmas Dinners
- Toys for Tots
- TTT
- Brian Stewart Plaque
- Van Shields
- Medina County News
- Raises for 2021
- VVA Time capsules – MCVSO drop point

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:42 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 11/12/2020

SECRETARY SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 11/12/2020

CLERK Jennifer Slonaker

DATE 12/10/2020