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February 12, 2021

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting February 11, 2021

Executive Session
At 2:30 pm Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss certain personnel matters and matters required to be kept confidential.

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

At 3:16 pm, executive session ended.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:02 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 January 14, 2021 regular meeting were read by the Commissioners prior to the board meeting. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the January 14, 2021 regular meeting; motion carried.

There were no appeals to be presented to the Commissioners.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $4,613.23. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #010-02-21)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $5,804.31 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #011-02-21)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 18 cases. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $11,362.16; motion carried. *(Resolution #012-02-21)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of February:

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 18 old cases for a total of 18 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 50 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 63 appointments for the month
- 58 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

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

EVENTS

Past:

- February 9, 2021 – Virtual A&A briefing at 12:00 PM with Danbury

Future:

- February 23, 2021 – Virtual briefing with County Commissioners at 9:30 AM
- February 26, 2021 – Virtual A&A briefing at 1:00 PM with The Soprema Senior Center

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): January: (14th) VSO meeting, (15th) Meeting with rental client for Home Corp, (19th) American Legion virtual meeting, (21st) Picked up and set up new tables for Home Corp, (22nd) Sold old tables for Home Corp, (23rd) Flag inventory for American Legion, (25th) American Legion virtual meeting, (26th) Worked on upcoming meeting agenda for Home Corp, and (28th) VFW post surgeon duties. February: (2nd) VFW meeting, (6th) Home Corp board meeting, (8th) Worked on a/v system for VFW, and (10th) Hall maintenance for Home Corp.

American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): American Legion #234 membership meeting, American Legion #234 board meetings (x2), Coordinated a promotion for Veterans Day flag program for Veterans Day 2021 with Brunswick City Schools, Brunswick City Halls, American Legion #234, Brunswick VFW and Inflatable Images, Filed annual tax returns for VVA Chapter #385, Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund and American Legion

#234, Coordinated the 2021 Seniors Medal Program for seniors going into the military with Brunswick City Schools and Medina County Veterans Coalition virtual meeting.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): VVA appointed treasurer for the Veterans Memorial Hall, American Legion Post 202 Adjutant Treasurer, Buckeye Boys State Trustee, VFW Post #5137 Vice Commander, VFW Post #5137 Building and Grounds, VFW Post #5137 Boy Scout Troop 5137 Advisor and Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund president.
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr Forster): January: (14th) VSO Meeting February: (2nd) Color guard for 6 funerals at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, (10th) Flag retiring ceremony at Medina VFW Post #5137 and (11th) VSO meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- Anonymous political letter and thank you card from Buehlers.

OLD BUSINESS

- Procurement Card- Picking up on Tuesday morning.
- Veteran Owned Businesses- Mr. Zackery has a meeting with the Northern Medina County Chamber of Commerce Alliance next week to discuss ideas and potential plans.

NEW BUSINESS

- Office server needs updated. We have reached out to the company that currently manages it and are waiting for a price quote from them. Our goal is to have the updates completed within the next 90 days.
- Matt Esterle, Chief Probation Officer for Medina Municipal Court, presented on bringing a Veteran's Treatment Court to Medina City.
- Financial Assistance standards have been updated. Numbers have changed a bit.
- MCVSO Newsletter was sent out on February 1, 2021. We have been receiving a lot of calls regarding the article about the new presumptive agent orange conditions recently added to VA's list.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 12:00 PM.
- At 4:26 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 SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 3/16/2021

SECRETARY SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 3/16/2021

CLERK Jennafer Hoover

DATE 3/16/2021