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March 17, 2021

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting March 16, 2021

Executive Session
At 10:06 am Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss certain personnel matters and Veterans Service Commission applications.

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

At 11:20 am, executive session ended.

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:03 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 February 11, 2021 regular meeting were read by the Commissioners prior to the board meeting. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the February 11, 2021 regular meeting; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	*Resolution #*
1. Charles Walker	Yes (By Phone)	Yes	*#019-03-21*
2. Richard E. Hill	Yes (By Phone)	Yes	*#020-03-21*

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $6,591.43. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #013-03-21)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $1,870.37 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #014-03-21)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 12 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $6,412.62; motion carried. *(Resolution #015-03-21)*

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $800.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #016-03-21)*

Dental assistance investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $1,036.80; motion carried. *(Resolution #017-03-21)*

Indigent Burial: One indigent burial application for Mr. Norman Placek was presented to the board. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to deny assist with funeral expenses for Mr. Norman Placek because the funeral had been paid in full; motion carried. *(Resolution #018-03-2021)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to suspend the 3/5-year rule for financial assistance through 2021 effective immediately; motion carried. *(Resolution #021-03-21)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of March:

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 12 old cases for a total of 12 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 33 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 16 appointments for the month
- 67 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

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

EVENTS

Past:

- 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

Future:

- March 29, 2021 – Vietnam Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at 1:00 PM at the Medina Vietnam Veteran's Memorial

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): February: (11th) VSO virtual meeting, (12th) Home corps projects, (15th) American Legion district inspection, (16th) American Legion virtual staff meeting, (20th) VFW- worked on a/v system & tax paperwork for home corps, (22nd) American Legion virtual meeting, (26th) VFW worked on security system, (27th) Prepared for upcoming meeting at home corps March: (2nd) Home corps meeting with rental clients, VFW meeting & Meeting with American Legion commander to work on planning for 2021, (6th) Home corps board of trustee meeting, and (11th) VSO training.

American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): March10, 17, 24 & 31 Am Leg 234 Board meeting. March 3, AM Leg 234 membership meeting. March 20 VSC Spring conference. March 30 Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony. Continued making contacts to promote the Hometown Hero banner program for the Brunswick Am Leg and VFW. April 1 V V A 385 Membership meeting. April 3 Home Corp meeting. April 6 VFW meeting. April 7 Am Leg 234 Membership meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Veteran owned businesses tab was added to our website for businesses to register.
- Commissioners will continue following Governor DeWine's orders and remain closed until the 10 person limit is removed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Zackery completed the 3-day Veteran court training, and it went well.
- As of last month, the Huntington credit card was closed and destroyed.
- All reports have been submitted to ODVS.
- Commissioners discussed the financial assistance 3/5-year rule and decided to suspend this rule, effective immediately through 2021.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:26 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 4/08/2021

SECRETARY SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 4/08/2021

CLERK Jennafer Slonaker

DATE 4/8/2021