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July 9, 2021

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting July 8, 2021

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 June 10, 2021, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

There were no appeals to be presented to the Commission.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $8,294.46. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #038-07-21)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $2,348.36 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #039-07-21)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 15 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $9,055.47; motion carried. *(Resolution #040-07-21)*

Demand financial assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $1,287.41 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #041-07-21)*

Dental assistance: There were no dental assistance applications to be presented to the Commission.

Indigent burial: There were no indigent burial applications to be presented to the Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:
None

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of June:

- 0 new applicant for financial assistance and 15 old cases for a total of 15 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 42 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 113 appointments for the month
- 78 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- July 18, 2021 – July 22, 2021- NACVSO Summer Conference. (Boggs & Slonaker- Virtual) and (Zackery – Washington, D.C.)
- September 15, 2021 – September 17, 2021- OSCVSO Fall School in Columbus, Ohio. (Slonaker & Zackery)

CVSC

- July 23, 2021 – July 25, 2021- CVSC Summer Conference in Dublin, Ohio. (Mr. Zackery is speaking) and (Destro, Forster, Grassa, Hoessle & Schmidt)

EVENTS

Past:

- June 13, 2021 – Open house for "Women of the Military Day".

Future:

- July 27, 2021- Mr. Zackery will present our department report to the Medina County Commissioners, 9:30 AM virtually via Zoom.
- August 2, 2021- Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair.
- August 2, 2021 – August 8, 2021- Medina County Fair.

OTHER

Travel:

- July 9, 2021 – July 13, 2021- Mr. Zackery will attend the NACO Conference in Washington, D.C. (TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): June: (10th) VSO meeting, (12th) Home Corp rental monitor, (13th) American Legion Women of the Military Day open house, (14th) VFW honor guard, (15th) Meeting with the quartermaster, (19th) Home Corp rental monitor, (21st) Worked on VFW's audio system, (24th) Worked on American Legion meeting agenda, and (28th) Two American Legion meetings. July: (6th) VFW meeting and American Legion honor guard.
American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): VFW membership meeting, American Legion #234 membership meeting, Chairman for American Legion Post #234 hometown hero program, and VVA #385 Treasurer
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202- Finance Officer, Honor guard, Buckeye Boys State trustee, VFW Post #5137- Building &

grounds, Honor guard, Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop 5137 advisor, Veterans Memorial Hall- Finance officer, and building & grounds and VVA- Life member
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster): June: (12th-19th) American Legion Buckeye Boys State, (14th) VFW honor guard, and (22nd) Marine Corps League meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Zackery discussed server upgrade and the costs to do so on June 15, 2021, with OnTech. He's waiting on more information from them.
- The informative sign for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is done. It will be installed at the Memorial once construction in the parking lot is completed.
- Some of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial bricks were broken during the parking lot renovation. Mr. Zackery will contact Mr. Rick Pethtel to get them fixed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed concerns about Medina County Public Transit struggle to fulfill services in our contract with them. Discussed ideas and potential solutions if problems continue.
- Discussed ideas for the ending project for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 12, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:40 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 Jennifer Donaker

DATE 8/12/2021