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**September 10, 2021**

**Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting September 9, 2021**

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

Mr. Destro and Mr. Hoessle were excused.

The minutes from the August 12, 2021, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

| Name | Present | Granted | *Resolution #* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Joshua Torres | Yes | Yes | *#058-09-21* |
| 2. Jerome Michaels | No | No | *N/A* |
| 3. James Vala | Yes | Yes | *#059-09-21* |

**Operational bills** were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $7,386.09. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #052-09-21)*

**Demand operational bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $2,699.39 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #053-09-21)*

**Financial assistance** investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 22 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $23,274.33; motion carried. *(Resolution #054-09-21)*

**Demand financial assistance** bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $3,710.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #055-09-21)*

**Dental assistance** investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $898.08; motion carried. *(Resolution # 056-09-21)*

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to transfer $5,000.00 from 0506 Memorial Day to 0540 Advertising, motion carried. *(Resolution #048-09-21)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to transfer $5,000.00 from 0230 Contract Repairs to 0580 Contract Services, motion carried. *(Resolution #049-09-21)*

Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to transfer $10,000.00 from 0320 Medical Services to 0581 Purchase of Services (Transportation), motion carried. *(Resolution #050-09-21)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to transfer $40,000.00 from 0330 Relief Allowances to 0605 Vehicle, motion carried. *(Resolution #051-09-21)*

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Client data for the month of August:**

- 0 new applicant for financial assistance and 22 old cases for a total of 22 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 69 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 149 appointments for the month
- 70 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

**OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC**

**Future Trainings and Funding:**

CVSO

- September 15, 2021 – September 17, 2021- OSACVSO Fall School in Columbus, Ohio. (Slonaker & Zackery)

CVSC

- November 19, 2021 – November 21, 2021- OSACVSC Fall Conference in Dublin, Ohio.

**EVENTS**

**Past:**

- September 4, 2021- Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony, 4:00 PM at VFW #5137.

**Future:**

- September 11, 2021- 9/11 Ceremony, 10:00 AM at 9/11 Memorial in Medina.
- September 17, 2021- POW/MIA Day
- September 26, 2021- Gold Star Mother's Day

- October 15, 2021- Medina County Veterans Coalition Banquet, 5:30 PM at Williams on the Lake.

## OTHER

**Travel:**

- September 12, 2021 – September 15, 2021- Mr. Zackery will attend the NASDVA Conference in Reno, NV. (TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

## COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

**American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa):** August: VSO Meeting, worked a rental at the Hall, met with contractor to discuss Hall remodel, Worked on Hall golf outing, Hall Golf Outing, Worked on A/V system for the VFW, Work on VFW membership, American Legion Honor Guard, 9/11 Ceremony Meeting, American Legion Meeting and Meeting with new principal at Medina High School September: VFW Honor Guard (3 days), VFW Meeting, and 9/11 Pre-Ceremony.

**Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster):** VSO meeting, American Legion Honor Guard at National Cemetery, Marine Corps League Meeting, American Legion Meeting, VFW Honor Guard at National Cemetery, Boy Scouts flag ceremony, VFW Honor Guard at Cemetery and VFW Meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Yes, thank you cards

## OLD BUSINESS

- Did a recording that focused on Veteran owned businesses on BAT TV with Stephanie who is a Medina Chambers representative.
- Mr. Zackery briefed Commissioners on the CARES Act money. He reassured numbers and gave that to them.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Informed Commissioners of Budget hearing on October 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM.
- Discussed office masks policy.
- Driver's position has been posted and we have received 4-5 applications already.
- Discussed memorial services for Rich Glus.
- Our Office will be providing donuts and co-hosting the Medina County Senior Network meeting with Office for Older Adults in October.
- Commissioners approved a request to include information regarding a Veteran's bible study group in our Newsletter.
- Discussed VBA vaccination sheet.
- Discussed recent changes to the County payroll system.

## CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:48 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

**PRESIDENT** _____

**SECRETARY** _____

**CLERK** Jennifer Slonaker

**DATE** 10/14/2021