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December 10, 2021

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting December 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. Destro and Mr. Grassa were present. Mr. Forster and Mr. Hoessle were absent.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss certain personnel matters and Veterans Service Commission applications.

Mr. Destro	Yes
Mr. Grassa	Yes
Mr. Schmidt	Yes

At 4:20 pm, executive session ended.

The minutes from the November 8, 2021, regular meeting were read. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	**Present**	**Granted**	***Resolution #***
1. Kenneth Dunkelberg	Yes	Yes	*#091-12-21*

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $7,892.84 Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #086-12-21)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $6,712.03 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. *(Resolution #087-12-21)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 18 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling $10,362.43; motion carried. *(Resolution #088-12-21)*

Demand financial assistance 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 #090-12-21)*

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:

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the proposed 2022 contract with Medina County Public Transit; motion carried. *(Resolution #089-12-21)*

Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to purchase 500 MCVSO coins from Delicated Gifts & Crafts; motion carried. *(Resolution #092-12-21)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to purchase breakfast supplies in the amount of $250.00 for the Medina County Senior Services Network Meeting on April 13, 2022; motion carried. *(Resolution #093-12-21)*

Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to purchase an air compressor for the VSO for no more than $150.00; motion carried. *(Resolution #094-12-21)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of November:

- 3 new applicants for financial assistance and 15 old cases for a total of 18 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 42 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 150 appointments for the month
- 69 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

MCVSO

- Date TBD - First Aid & CPR training for drivers and VSO staff.
- Due by January 4, 2022 - Online drivers safety courses for drivers and VSO staff.

OSACVSO

- March 4, 2022 – OSACVSO Winter Quarterly in Dublin, Ohio.

EVENTS

Past:

- November 11, 2021- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Veterans Day train ride.
- November 16, 2021- Awards presentation at Wadsworth VFW.
- December 2, 2021- Tank the Truck & food distribution for 55 families in Lodi.

- December 4, 2021- Toys for Tots & Tank the Truck drive at MCVSO and photos with Santa hosted by DAV #72 at Veterans Memorial Hall.
- December 8, 2021- MCVSO team building day.
- December 9, 2021- Tank the Truck & food distribution for 50 families in Brunswick.

Future:

- December 16, 2021- 7:00 am, Tank the Truck & food distribution for 270 families at the Medina County Fairgrounds.
- December 23, 2021- 10:30 am Tank the Truck & food distribution for 65 families at Art Wright Stadium in Wadsworth.
- January 27, 2022- 6:00 pm, Randy's retirement dinner at Pickle Mama's in Seville.

OTHER

Travel:

- January 19, 2022 – January 25, 2022- Mr. Zackery will attend the NACVSO Education Committee Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. (TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): November: VFW meeting, VSO meetings, American Legion yard cleanup for Veteran, American Legion training class for Veteran Court, American Legion meeting, VFW Membership, repaired gun safe at the American Legion and Worked on audio at the Veterans Memorial Hall. December: Worked on network and sign at Veterans Memorial Hall, VSO Tank the Truck, worked on audio system at VFW, worked on sign for the holidays at Veterans Memorial Hall and VFW meeting.

American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): November: VVA #385 Poppy sales, Buckeye Boys State Council District meeting, Board meeting for the Veterans Memorial Hall and decorated Christmas tree at the Veterans Memorial Hall. December: American Legion #234 membership meeting, VVA #385 membership meeting, Tank the Truck and Toys for Tots collection, Medina County Veterans Coalition board meeting, showed up for scheduled AMVETS membership meeting- No one else showed up, and participated in Brunswick food drive for Tank the Truck.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schmidt): September: VFW meeting, VSO meeting, DAV meeting and Marine Corps League meeting. October: Funeral honors for 8 funerals at OWRNC with the Marine Corps League, VFW meeting, DAV meeting, Medina County Veterans Coalition Banquet, Marine Corps League meeting and Marine Corps League fundraiser. November: DAV meeting, Marine Corps League meeting, Funeral honors for 7 funerals at OWRNC with the Marine Corps League and OSACVSC Summer Conference. December: VSO meeting, Toys for Tots fundraiser at the Lions Club, Toys for Tots fundraiser at Walmart and DAV meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card from the Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed the Veterans time capsule. Mr. Destro is working on a letter for this.
- Commissioners discussed plans, reviewed, and selected the final design for the MCVSO coin.

- Building, Funds: ARP Submittal – Discussed response from Medina County Commissioners.
- VSO has not received any applications for the internship position.
- New van driver, Mark Phillipp was hired and will start on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.
- Informed Commissioners that the Christmas checks were sent out to eligible Veterans and family members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reviewed and approved proposed six-month contract with Sgt. Smart. – They are creating more videos which will be out by the end of the year.
- Discussed fraudulent applications for real property tax exemption received and discovered in other counties recently. We will be working with the Medina County Auditor's Office to avoid this happening in Medina County.
- Reminded Commissioners that elections need to take place at the January meeting.
- Commissioners will come in at 2 PM on February 10, 2022, to review MCVSO's SOP and Ohio Sunshine Laws prior to February Commission meeting.
- Discussed VSO's plans to host the Medina County Senior Network meeting at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Medina on April 13, 2022.
- Discussed VSO driver's request for an air compressor to use for van maintenance and other duties.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
- At 5:10 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT For the Pres. D Gurnee

SECRETARY D Gurnee

CLERK Jenna Sonaker

DATE 1/13/2022