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February 10, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting February 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Ms. Olson, and Mr. Roberts were present. Mr. Forster was absent.

At 4:02 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Ms. Olson Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes

At 4:27 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the January 12, 2023, regular meetings were read. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Tim Dougherty	Yes	Yes	021-02-23
2. James Latten	No	No	No Action

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $5,126.03. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #016-02-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $11,829.55 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #017-02-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 14 cases. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $10,025.16; motion carried. *(Resolution #018-02-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $5,175.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #019-02-23)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying $220.00; motion carried. *(Resolution #020-02-23)*

RESOLUTIONS: None

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT
Client data for the month of January:

- 4 new applicants for financial assistance and 10 old cases for a total of 14 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 98 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 206 appointments
- 70 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC
Future Trainings and Funding:

EVENTS
Past:

- January 14, 2023 – Medina County Veterans Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall.
- January 26, 2023 – Veterans Benefits Briefing, 6:00 p.m., at Brunswick V.F.W.
- January 28, 2023 – National Veterans Memorial & Museum trip 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., in Columbus, Ohio.
- February 7, 2023 – Senior Fair in Brunswick, Ohio.

Future:

- March 8, 2023 – Medina County Senior Network meeting, 8:00 a.m., at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall.
- March 10, 2023 – Veterans Benefits Briefing at 2:00 p.m., at Wadsworth Soprema Senior Center.

OTHER
Travel:

- February 12, 2023 – Mr. Zackery will attend the NACO Conference in Washington, D.C. *(MR. ZACKERY'S TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)*

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT
American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting & Medina County Veterans Coalition meeting. VFW Post #5137: Membership, assisted with training new membership officers at Valley City VFW, trained new membership officer, and worked on membership. American Legion #202: Four Chaplains' meeting, monthly meeting, installed dual doorbell system for Veteran, worked on Four Chaplains' program & Four Chaplains' Service Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall: Troubleshoot and repair wireless internet system.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS meeting, Medina County Veterans Coalition meeting, Veterans Benefits Briefing at Brunswick VFW, and January VSO Commission meeting.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): Home Corps meeting, DAV meeting, American Legion meeting, DAV correspondence, Veteran's Hall defibrillator coordination & Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County meeting.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, charities chair, & buckeye boys state trustee, VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meetings, service officer, and boy scout troop advisor, VVA – Life member, and Valor Court – Mentor

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Yes, thank you letter from The Children's Center of Medina County and a letter from a Veteran.

OLD BUSINESS

- Old van is officially up for auction.
- New phone system was installed on January 23, 2023.
- MCVSO Employee evaluations will take place on February 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the MCVSO.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed upcoming PAX report & service office report due to ODVS.
- Mr. Zackery will brief the Medina County Commissioners on February 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the County Administration Building.
- Discussed positions to fill at MCVSO.
- Discussed plans to purchase a new van in the future and how prices have nearly doubled since the purchase of our most recent van.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:21 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 3/09/2023