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May 12, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting May 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Forster and Mr. Roberts were present. Ms. Olson was absent.

At 4:29 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications and personnel matters.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Forster Yes

At 4:43 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the April 13, 2023, regular meetings were read. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read with the following change: Pay raises are to be listed as percentages not as dollar amounts. Vote: 2 - For, 1 - Against. Motion passed.

There were no appeals presented to the Commissioners.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $17,389.66. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #041-05-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $3,273.63 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #042-05-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 30 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $14,857.64; motion carried. *(Resolution #043-05-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $6,837.57 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #044-05-23)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying $80.40; motion carried. *(Resolution #045-05-23)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $440.65 was presented to the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #046-05-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented; Motion carried. *(Resolution #047-05-23)*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to use a MCVSO van for a Medina Co. Office of Older Adults event on August 23, 2023; motion carried. *(Resolution #048-05-23)*

Mr. Forster moved and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to increase the amount of rent in the financial assistance program to $1,000 for a family of 2 or less and $1,400 for a family of 3 or more; motion carried. *(Resolution #049-05-23)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of April:

- 3 new applicants for financial assistance and 27 old cases for a total of 30 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 84 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 204 appointments
- 71 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- May 2 - 5, 2023 - Spring School (Zackery, Phillipp)
- July 20-21, 2023 – Summer Quarterly (Phillipp)

OSACVSC

- July 28 - 30, 2023 – Annual Conference

NACVSO

- June 3 – 8, 2023 - Annual Conference (Zackery, Phillipp & Boggs-(online))

EVENTS

Past:

- April 19, 2023 – Veteran Benefit Briefing at 6:00 pm, at Wadsworth American Legion
- April 28, 2023 – Veterans Banquet at 5:30 pm, at Williams on the Lake

- May 8, 2023 – Brunswick Senior Brief at 11:00 am, at Brunswick Rec Center

Future:

- May 16, 2023 – Senior Day at the Medina Co. Community Center
- May 25, 2023 – Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina, proceeds to MCVMF
- June 8, 2023 – Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina, proceeds to MCVMF
- June 22, 2023 - Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina, proceeds to MCVMF

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, Senior program at Brunswick Rec Center, Medina Veterans Coalition. VFW Post #5137: Training session with Stanley Securities on operation of new membership software (x2), monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Install flag & pole at Veteran's home, meeting to plan Claggett School visit, Hang new flag for Chick-fil-A in Medina, Monthly meeting, hold history class on Medina past wars to Claggett School, did home repairs for disabled veteran, Poppy sales, paper shredding, flag sales.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS: joint outing with Summit Co. AMVETS. VSO: Monthly meeting. Attended Ohio Flag presentation at the Medina Hall.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): No Report
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, charities chair, & buckeye boys state. 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
Vietnam Veterans of America (Mr. Forster): VSO - meeting, Valor Court; VFW - flag raising, post cleanup; AL - meeting, Veteran's Banquet, Poppy sales, Mentor meeting, paper shredding

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Letter from Adaptive IT Solutions – stated they would like to hire Veterans
- Thank you card from Scott Miller, Past Co. Administrator
- Ed wrote a letter for MMHA to HudVash for getting vouchers

OLD BUSINESS

- Building Phase II, drawings & figuring out electric from other building
- Budget review

NEW BUSINESS:

- Correction to budget report
- No comp time for employees, only overtime for hourly workers
- Director received a subpoena & responded via email
- Van request by OOA for transporting seniors

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

- At 5:12 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 6-8-23

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 6/8/2023