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July 14, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting July 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Forster, Ms. Olson and Mr. Roberts were present.

At 4:13 p.m., Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications and personnel matters.

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

At 4:49 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the June 8, 2023, regular meetings were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. David Sumskis	Yes	Yes	068-07-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $14,624.61. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #062-07-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $6,448.91 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #063-07-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 22 cases. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $15,396.41; motion carried. *(Resolution #064-07-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $8,854.61 was reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #065-07-23)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to assist with paying $583.20; motion carried. *(Resolution #066-07-23)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $497.00 was presented to the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #067-07-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:
Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to purchase a water heater for Mr. Brandon Townsend. Motion carried. *(Resolution #069-07-23)*

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

- 3 new applicants for financial assistance and 19 old cases for a total of 22 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 40 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 195 appointments
- 78 van riders

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

OSACVSO

- July 20-21, 2023 – Summer Quarterly (Phillipp)

OSACVSC

- July 28 - 30, 2023 – Annual Conference (Roberts (Fri-Sun); Grassa, Forster, Hoessle – Sat. only)

EVENTS
Past:

- May 16, 2023 – Senior Day at the Medina Co. Community Center (Boggs)
- May 25, 2023 – Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina (Zackery)
- June 8, 2023 – Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina (Boggs, Slonaker, Hoessle, Forster)
- June 11, 2023 – Women's Veterans Day at Veterans Hall (Phillipp)
- June 22, 2023 - Car Show at Quaker Steak in Medina (Phillipp, Hoessle, Forster, Roberts)

Future:

- July 31, 2023 – Veteran's Day at the Fair
- August 6, 2023 – Brunswick Historical Dedication
- Oct 14, 2023 – Veteran Resource Fair at Medina VFW
- 100th Birthday for Mr. Taylor – Mr. Grassa & Mr. Hoessle to attend

OTHER

Travel:

- July 18, 2023 – PACT Act meeting with VA in Boston, MA (Zackery)
  (MR. ZACKERY'S TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, Car show fund raiser. VFW Post #5137: Membership processing, membership, monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Sponsored a Women in the Military informational show, Monthly meeting, Honor Guard at Rittman, flag sales, several projects for the Post (looking for a place for paper shredding, upgrading all computers). Medina Veteran's Hall: Attended zoning meeting at Medina City Hall, AED Training.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): No report

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): DAV monthly meeting, Healing Hooves Veterans program, American Legion monthly meeting, Home Corps meeting, Joint Veterans meeting, Veterans mental health assistance.

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): Veterans Service Office monthly meeting, Buckeye Boys State, Car show at Quaker Steak (x3), Valor Court, Marine Corps meeting, meeting with Mentee, VFW meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- Wheelchair Assessable Van – discussed, will get estimates & delivery dates
- Building – need new site survey, ABM meeting with city and drawings – Oct. 6th, resolution passed by Commissioners
- 3 weeks; firm qualifications
- Site survey needed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Going green for veterans; NACO
- Signs by memorial - tabled
- County Commissioners Report, July 25th
- Hometown Hero, Jim Hoessle
- Newsletter draft
- Signature coins – tabled
- Chris Altman-Brunswick VFW requested a counselor for a camp

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

- At 5:56 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 Philip Grassa

SECRETARY Jack H Foster

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 8/10/2023