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September 12, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 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 4:06 p.m., Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission personnel matters.

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

At 4:52 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the August 10, 2023, regular meetings were read. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Jacob Shaffer	No	No	N/A
2. Brandon Townsend	Yes	Yes	086-09-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $15,461.15. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #082-09-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $10,649.19 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #083-09-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 17 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $13,032.17; motion carried. *(Resolution #084-09-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $2,585.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #085-09-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved and Ms. Olson seconded a motion to offer Danielle Sampson the intake/admin position pending the background check; Motion carried. *(Resolution #087-09-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to offer Jared Topp the Intake/Outreach position pending the background check; motion carried. *(Resolution #088-09-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to accept the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect; motion carried. *(Resolution #089-09-23)*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to accept "Going Green in November" to show support for the Veterans by lighting up the County Courthouse with green lights; motion carried. *(Resolution #90-09-23)*

Mr. Grassa moved and Ms. Olson seconded a motion to purchase two cakes for the VVA 35th anniversary; motion carried. *(Resolution #91-09-23)*

Mr. Forster moved and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to purchase a speaker system for up to $350.00; motion carried *(Resolution #92-09-23)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of April:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 16 old cases for a total of 17 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 123 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 280 appointments
- 64 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- Sept. 12 - 13, 2023 - Fall Quarterly (Zackery, Phillipp)

OSACVSC

- Nov. 17 - 19, 2023 – Annual Conference

EVENTS

Past:

- July 31, 2023 – Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair
- July 31 – Aug. 6, 2023 – Medina County Fair

Future:

- Sept. 15, 2023 – POW MIA Ceremony
- Sept. 19, 2023 – County Commissioners VVA Proclamation
- Sept. 23, 2023 – 35th VVA Dinner
- Oct. 14, 2023 – 11am – 4pm, Veteran Resource Fair at Medina VFW

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, interviews (x2). Medina Veterans Hall: Repaired computer, updated sign. VFW Post #5137: Monthly meeting, membership (x3), District meeting, helped auxiliary with rummage sale. American Legion #202: Church services and burial Honor Guard for member, Honor Guard at Rittman, monthly meeting, car show for charity, Honor Guard for Tunnels to Towers 10k race, Honor Guard Remembrance ceremony.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS meeting. VSO: monthly meeting.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): VSO: Monthly meeting, interviews (x2). DAV: Monthly meeting, attended Tunnel to Towers. Home Corps meeting
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, Buckeye Boys State. Trustee, monthly meetings, Charities Chair. VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meetings, service officer, and boy scout troop advisor, VVA – Life member, Medina Veterans Hall: Commissioner & Treasurer. Valor Court – Mentor.
Vietnam Veterans of America (Mr. Forster): VSO – monthly meeting, Valor Court; VFW – meeting, Color Guard at Rittman.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Pictures from Sandman – historical memorial in Brunswick.

OLD BUSINESS

- New Van
- Purchase of more challenge coins
- PACT Act Resource Fair

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approved to purchase cakes for VVA 35th anniversary dinner
- Approved the purchase of speaker system
- Discussion on flags and cemetery markers

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:22 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT James Hamler

SECRETARY Jack H Foster

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 10/12/2023