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November 10, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting November 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, Mr. Forster, Ms. Olson and Mr. Roberts were present.

At 4:10 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster 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 4:26 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the October 12, 2023, regular meetings were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Adam Cutshall	No	Yes	106-11-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $7,417.08. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #102-11-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $4,639.90 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #103-11-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 16 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $12,587.89; motion carried. *(Resolution #104-11-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $11,017.34 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 #105-11-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to approve issuing a check to each financial assistance client that came in from July until December, 2023. The check will be $100.00 for each child the client has custody of. Check will be issued after December 1, 2023; Motion carried. *(Resolution #107-11-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to approve purchasing $30.00 vouchers from Buehlers that will be included with the food bags that will be handed out to Veterans in December; motion carried. *(Resolution #108-11-23)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of October:

- 5 new applicants for financial assistance and 11 old cases for a total of 16 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 72 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 231 appointments
- 65 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSC

- November 17 - 19, 2023 – Fall Conference (Roberts, Olson, Forster)

EVENTS

Past:

- Oct. 12, 2023 – Fall Lunch for Veterans at the Memorial Hall
- Oct. 13, 2023 – Senior Expo at the Soprema Senior Center, Wadsworth
- Oct. 14, 2023 – Veteran Resource Fair at the Medina VFW
- Oct. 19, 2023 – Rotary Brunswick – Government Day
- Oct. 25, 2023 – Veteran's Breakfast in Brunswick
- Oct. 26, 2023 – Home Corp Strategic Planning Meeting
- Oct. 30, 2023 – Medina County's Stepping Up Initiative
- Nov. 6, 2023 – Veteran Pinning – Wadsworth Soprema Center
- Nov. 8, 2023 – Veteran Concert at St. Francis
- Nov. 9, 2023 – Medina Co. employee Veteran Breakfast at Engineer's Office

Future:

- Nov. 11, 2023 – Veteran's Day Market Place at Weymouth Church
- Nov. 14, 2023 – Veteran's Resource Fair at Medina Co. Library
- Nov. 15, 2023 – Veteran Luncheon with Brunswick Chamber
- Nov. 15, 2023 – Veteran's Recognition Luncheon – NMCCA
- Nov. 15, 2023 – Local Gov't Expo at Akron Univ. Medina Campus

- Nov. 15, 2023 – County VSC & Coroner Meeting
- Nov. 16, 2023 – Parkinson's Support Group at Lifecare Medina
- Dec. 7, 2023 – Lodi Food Distribution at Hidden Hollow Camp
- Dec 9, 2023 – Tank the Truck & Toys 4 Tots at MCVSO
- Dec. 14, 2023 – Brunswick Food Distribution at Willett's Middle School

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, County Commissioners Meeting, Interviews. VFW Post #5137: Monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Paper shredding, flag sales, Monthly meeting, Honor Guard burial services, Army Change of Command Ceremony. Veterans Hall: Planning meeting.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Interviews and Monthly meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): VSO: Interviews and Monthly meeting. DAV meeting, Home Corps meeting, Planning Committee meeting, Healing Hooves.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): VSO - Monthly meeting and interviews; 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; VVA – Life member; Home Corps: Treasurer, Members, meeting, building & grounds.

Vietnam Veterans of America (Mr. Forster): VSO - meeting; VFW – Meeting, Veteran recognition at assisted living; IX Center, WWII veterans

CORRESPONDENCE

- Newbridge Place donation letter
- Thank you card for flag from Brunswick Historical Society
- Thank you card from Lisa Earle for attending her retirement party
- Brunswick VFW Aux donated 20 - $100 gift cards for Veterans for Christmas

OLD BUSINESS

- Building Phase II, drawings & engineering estimated for Dec. 1st, County reading & Commissioner Resolution, Jan 1st bids
- Received challenge coins
- Ordering flags and cemetery markers

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget uploaded for CY 2024
- 2025 Budget will be different due to more employees and larger building
- Asked Meijer's about joining our food voucher program. Request was sent to Corporate.
- Card machines – A card would be made for FA applicants to use instead of a food voucher.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:10 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 James Hamrick

SECRETARY Jack H Foote

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 12-14-23

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Resolution #: 113-12-23

December 14, 2023

The Medina County Veterans' Service Commission regularly scheduled monthly meetings for 2024 will be held at 4:00PM on the following dates.

January	11	May	09	September	09 (MON)
February	08	June	13	October	10
March	13 (WED)	July	11	November	14
April	11	Aug	08	December	12

The meeting will be held in the conference room at 210 Northland Dr. Medina, Ohio 44256

An Executive Session Meeting will be held at 4:15PM as needed.

Questions regarding the monthly Medina County Veterans Service Commission meeting may be directed to the undersigned at, (330) 722-9368.

Respectfully

Jim Hoessle
President, Veterans Service Commission
Medina County, Ohio