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April 12, 2024

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting April 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Schwehm, and Mr. Roberts were present.

At 4:16 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for financial assistance. Motion carried.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Lawrence Yes
Mr. Schwehm Yes

At 4:37 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the February 8, 2024, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Gerald Jablonski (Kathleen)	No	Tabled	
2. Michael Olish	Yes	Yes	041-04-24

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $13,575.39. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #036-04-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $15,677.58 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #037-04-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 21 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $16,975.80; motion carried. *(Resolution #038-04-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $17,398.87 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #039-04-24)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $220.66 was presented to the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #040-04-24)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the bid from Securitec for the new security system when the building is complete at $20,010.00 (with changes if needed); motion carried. *(Resolution #042-04-24)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Operating Budget; motion carried. *(Resolution #043-04-24)*

Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the changes, as presented, to the financial assistance guidelines in the SOP; motion carried. *(Resolution #044-04-24)*

Mr. Hoessle moved and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to close the office on Friday, May 24th for Memorial Day activities; motion carried. *(Resolution #045-04-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of March 2024:

- 5 new applicants for financial assistance and 16 old cases for a total of 21 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 36 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 170 appointments
- 66 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- March 15, 2024 – Winter Quarterly (Zackery, Phillipp)
- April 1 – 5, 2024 – New Service Officer School (Sampson)

EVENTS

Past:

- February 15, 2024 – Liberty Residence Briefing

- March 8, 2024 – Soprema Senior Center Veteran Briefing
- March 12, 2024 – Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Veterans Among Us Project – 2 locations

Future:

- March 27, 2024 – Curt Schwehm Swearing-In as Board Commissioner
- March 27, 2024 – Brunswick Senior Fair
- March 28, 2024 – Vietnam Day Ceremony & Luncheon
- April 5 - 7, 2024 – Power Piston Show at IX Center
- April 7, 2024 – District 6 DAV meeting
- April 10, 2024 – Speaker event – C. Mason
- April 26, 2024 – Military Banquet
- Veterans Among Us Project – various times and places

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting (x2), OSACVSC training in Columbus, VVA ceremony, Veterans lunch at veteran's hall. VFW: Work on design/build new audio addition for the pavilion, Monthly meeting, work on audio system. American Legion #202: Flag sale & delivery/set up for Medina Court Room, made arrangements for a comrade's funeral w/ family, planning meeting for upcoming monthly meeting, Monthly meeting, transfer of flags to new storage location, veterans' luncheon. Veterans Hall: Monthly meeting (x2)

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS: monthly meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting, OSACVSC training in Columbus, building groundbreaking ceremony, swearing in of C. Schwehm. Attended quarterly Coalition meeting.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting, OSACVSC training in Columbus, building groundbreaking ceremony, swearing in for C. Schwehm. VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting, Board member, officer election lead. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, fish fry food preparation, Vietnam Memorial ceremony and Honor Guard, Vietnam veteran lunch. DAV Post #72: Life member. American Legion #202: Annual member.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, service officer, and boy scout troop advisor, VVA – Life member. Medina Co. Veterans Memorial Hall – Treasurer, Board member. VSO: Monthly meeting, swearing in of C. Schwehm, Vietnam ceremony & luncheon, OSACVSC training in Columbus, building groundbreaking ceremony.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, DAV district meeting, funeral with DAV ceremony. VSO: Swearing in.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Letter from ODVS certifying the commissioners for year 2024.
- Commissioner Schwehm's documents were submitted to the State.
- Fax received from Shurjoali@yahoo.com

OLD BUSINESS

- New van chassis has been ordered
- Building Phase II:
  Removing wall & door in intake office & changing to a counter with ½ wall. Ordering new furnaces. Getting 72" plasma TVs to put on carts to move around bldg. as needed. Will do a press release by mid-May. Current furniture will need to be replaced.
- Estimates from three security companies for new cameras and security system were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Flags of Honor Jim - OUPS
- Ed will attend ceremony for Ohio Military Hall of Fame recipient, William Lee
- Ordering shirts for Board Commissioners
- Ordering flowers for Vietnam Widows at banquet and Memorial Day wreath
- Name tags for employees and Commissioners have been ordered
- Placing ads in the Medina County and City magazines this year

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:20 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 5.9.24

SECRETARY _____ 5.9.24

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 5/9/2024