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May 10, 2024

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting May 9, 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 4:20 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 4:42 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the April 11, 2024, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Gerald Jablonski (Kathleen)	Yes	Yes	050-05-24

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $8,027.15. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #046-05-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $5,549.39 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #047-05-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 26 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $20,607.29; motion carried. *(Resolution #048-05-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $6,670.55 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #049-05-24)*

RESOLUTIONS:
Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to sponsor the Suicide Coalition for the amount of $500.00; motion carried. *(Resolution #051-05-24)*

Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to spend up to $2,500.00 for food, drinks and supplies at Veteran's Day at the Medina Co. Fair; motion carried. *(Resolution #052-05-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT
Client data for the month of May 2024:

- 5 new applicants for financial assistance and 21 old cases for a total of 26 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 101 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 242 appointments
- 78 van riders

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

CVSO

- May 11 – May 17, 2024 - NACVSO Annual Conference - Denver (Zackery, Phillipp) (Boggs-virtual)
- July 18- 19, 2024 – OSACVSO Summer Quarterly

CVSC

- July 26, 2024 - Summer Conference

EVENTS
Past:

- 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 – Power Piston Show
- April 7, 2024 – Coalition meeting
- April 26, 2024 – Military Banquet
- Veterans Among Us Project – x 2, various times and places

- Veteran Valor at Statehouse (2 people recognized)
- Veteran & Advocate of the Year Presentation to County Commissioners

Future:

- May 14, 2024 – County Commissioners to award Mr. Lee (Veteran)
- May 22, 2024 – Office for Older Adults Senior Day
- Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser @ 6:00 on the following dates: 05/23, 05/30, 06/06, 06/13, 06/20, 06/27
- July 29, 2024 – Veterans Day at the Fair
- July 29 – Aug. 4, 2024 – Medina County Fair

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting. VFW: Monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Honor Guard-Rittman, Inventory flag program, monthly meeting, meeting with Medina HS for a design of a flag display in gym, paper shredding, meeting with Medina HS for a flag project. Veterans Hall: Board committee meeting. Veterans Coalition: Helped set up and attended the Veterans Banquet.
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 & training of Sunshine laws, attended Veterans Military Coalition banquet, finished new commissioners online training. VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting, elected 2nd Vice President & executive committee. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, IX Center VFW booth (poppy donations, sold gun raffle tickets). 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, Assistant Chaplain. VVA – Life member. Medina Co. Veterans Memorial Hall – Treasurer, Board member. VSO: Monthly meeting, OSACVSC online training.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, funeral for DAV State Line Officer, lunch with a veteran. VSO: Monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Thank you card for helping a veteran with plumbing through Memorial fund

OLD BUSINESS

- New van in production and still on schedule per vendor
- Outreach/Program Coordinator: Will start to advertise for position from May – July with hire date in October.
- Building Phase II: Concrete issue
- Flags of Honor – OUPS
- William Lee – Ohio Military Hall of Fame
- Shirts for Commissioners/staff ordered

- Flowers for Memorial Day ordered
- Name tags for Commissioners and staff ordered
- Placed ads in Medina County & City magazines

NEW BUSINESS:

- Van for Memorial Day
- Landscaping for Memorial Day – they will not be putting in flowers due to lack of water supply
- Suicide prevention sponsorship – there will be a walk in September
- Fair schedule
- Budget submitted for the quarter

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:18 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT Phillip Grusa

SECRETARY Mark A Schwehm

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 6/13/2024