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July 12, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 4:07 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information of applicants for financial assistance, security matters and personnel matters. Motion carried.

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

At 4:34 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the June 13, 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. William Michaels	No	No	
2. Daniel Rice (Cheryl)	Yes	Yes	066-07-24
3. Denver Crook	No	Yes	067-07-24

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $9,546.06. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #061-07-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $12,140.82 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #062-07-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 22 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $16,025.51; motion carried. *(Resolution #063-07-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $9,820.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #064-07-24)*

Dental invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $133.60 was presented to the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #065-07-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of June 2024:

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

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- July 18 - 19, 2024 – OSACVSO Summer Quarterly (Zackery, Phillipp)

CVSC

- July 26 - 28, 2024 - Summer Conference (Grassa, Lawrence, Schwehm)

NACVSO: Ed resigned from position

EVENTS

Past:

- June 13, 2024 - Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser
- June 20, 2024 - Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser
- June 22, 2024 – Forever Amber Acres Outreach event
- June 27, 2024 - Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser

Future:

- Jul 13, 2024 – Coalition Meeting
- 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: Staff Planning Meeting, Monthly Meeting

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS state conference on June 18. July 8th regular medina AMVETS. July 11 building walk through. July 13 medina county veterans coalition mtg.
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA Chapter # 385: Life member, monthly meeting, 2nd Vice President, Executive Committee, Flag Day - gave out flags on the Square. VFW Post # 5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, helped with poker run, Flag Day ceremony, gun raffle meeting, rib dinner event. DAV Post # 72: Life member. American Legion Post # 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 –building and grounds maintenance, service officer. VVA – Life member. Valor Court: Mentor.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV Department of Ohio State Convention. Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund fundraiser @ Quaker Stake and Lube (2 nights). DAV chapter meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Thank you card for helping veterans

OLD BUSINESS

- Building Phase II: Working on ordering furniture.
- Closed Monday July 29th for Veterans Day at the fair
- OUPS – August 15-17, 2024 for Colors of Honor in Brunswick

NEW BUSINESS:

- Saboxen distribution box – provided by Health Dept at no charge. Anyone can take it as needed.
- Lamphears Certificate
- Guitars for Vets contract sent to Prosecutor's Office for review
- Fair schedule
- Newsletter
- Veterans Among Us discussed
- Hometown Heros
- N.E. Ohio Commissioner brief on ORC, discussion about 501c3
- Lodging kits
- DOVE program
- ETMS
- Fraud prevention

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:15 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 8-8-24

SECRETARY _____

CLERK SJ3

DATE 8/8/24