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October 11, 2024

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting October 10, 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 and Mr. Schwehm were present. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Roberts were excused.

At 4:07 p.m., Mr. Grassa 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. Schwehm Yes

At 4:49 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the September 9, 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. Peter Racca	Yes	Yes	087-10-24
2. Kyle Mains	No	No	
3. Joseph Learn	Yes	Tabled	
4. Cheryl Rice	No	Yes	086-10-24

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $21,182.28. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #082-10-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $9,449.86 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #083-10-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 12 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $14,574.51; motion carried. *(Resolution #084-10-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $2,935.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #085-10-24)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to transfer the following monies:

- $10,000 from Relief Allowances to Grave Markers
- $2,500 from Travel to Equipment
- $2,500 from Gasoline to Equipment
- $5,000 from Vehicles to Equipment
- $5,000 from Relief Allowances to Contract Services
- $5,000 from Relief Allowances to Other

Motion passed. *(Resolution #88-10-24)*

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to accept the cleaning contract from Perfect Touch Cleaning. Motion passed. *(Resolution #89-10-24)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to accept the resubmittal of the budget that was submitted in May. Motion passed. *(Resolution #90-10-24)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to close the office at noon on December 24 and December 31, 2024. Motion passed. *(Resolution #91-10-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of September 2024:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 11 old cases for a total of 12 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 50 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 90 appointments
- 55 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSC

- Nov 22-24, 2024 - Fall Conference

EVENTS

Past:

- September 11, 2024 – Observance & ceremony – Fire Station #1 (Sue & Danielle)
- September 15, 2024 – Suicide Walk (Ed, Mark, Danielle)
- September 20, 2024 – POW/MIA Day (Ed – speaker)

- September 29, 2024 – Gold Star Mother's Day (Mark)

Future:

- October 11, 2024 – Senior Day – Wadsworth
- October 12-13, 2024 – Fall Foliage Tour
- October 15, 2024 – Speaker Series – Western Reserve Masonic
- November 6, 2024 – Train ride CVRR
- November 6, 2024 – Veteran Concert at St. Francis Xavier Church
- November 8, 2024 – Lunch at Medina Co. Career Center for Veterans
- November 9, 2024 – Veteran event at Memorial Hall
- November 10, 2024 – Veteran concert at Performing Arts Center (½ of proceeds to memorial fund)
- November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day
- November 13, 2024 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for office

TRAVEL

- October 31, 2024 – GOV Advisory meeting
- December 6, 2024 – OSACVSO Education meeting

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly Meeting. **American Legion**: 9/11 H.G. Ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial, Medina; H.G. Duties at Rittman; Paper Shredding. **VFW**: Monthly Meeting. **Veterans Hall**: Post Sign Information, A/V Equipment Maintenance
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting, attended 9/11 ceremony, participated in POW/MIA service at Vietnam Memorial. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, attended VFW funeral lunch, cooked steaks at VFW golf event, attended VFW gun raffle planning meeting, Honor Guard at Gold Star Mothers ceremony, attended VFW ~~125~~ 5137 year anniversary event. DAV Post #72: Life member. American Legion #202: Life 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, monthly meeting. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor. VSO: Monthly meeting.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Adjutant & Treasurer, monthly meeting, district meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA: MIA/KIA memorial service.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Received 3 Thankyou cards for helping veterans

OLD BUSINESS

- Transit Van went to auction and sold for $14,000.00.
- County resolution to transfer Econoline to the County Home has been approved. Will be transferred on 10/17/2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Will start packing to move back to building next week.
- We will move on 10/29-10/31 and open on Nov. 1st.
- Waiting on final punch list.
- Board for dedication.
- Purchasing flags for Memorial Day.
- Salary discussion for employees
- Newsletter is currently being printed.
- County cleaning team doesn't have the manpower to clean our building.
- Interviewing for intake position on 10/16/2024.
- Press release in our newsletter about our building re-opening.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony & tour of building on 11/13/2024.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:38 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT James Hamler

SECRETARY Mark a Petit

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 11/14/2024