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March 14, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting March 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Schwehm, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Roberts were present.

The minutes from the February 13, 2025, 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. Michael Frank (Margaret)	No	Yes	032-03-25

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $12,117.31. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #027-03-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $11,298.97 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #028-03-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 33 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $17,736.66; motion carried. *(Resolution #029-03-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $30,774.80 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #030-03-25)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $363.03 was presented to the board. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #031-03-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to close the office on Friday, May 23, 2025, for Memorial Day weekend. Motion passed. *(Resolution #033-03-25)*

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to approve the changes made to the Medina County Veterans Service Office Standard Operating Procedures from section 4.1 to the end. Motion passed. *(Resolution #034-03-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of February 2025:

- 4 new applicants for financial assistance and 29 old cases for a total of 33 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 71 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 184 appointments
- 80 van riders
- 2 Veterans at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

March 24, 2025 – Suicide training by Volunteers of America
March 30 – April 4, 2025 – Spring New Service Officers School – Kirstyn
April 6 – 10, 2025 – NACVSO Leadership Summit – Ed
July 13 – 19, 2025 – NACVSO Conference – Ed & Mark in person, Danielle & Sue online
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

March 28-29, 2025 – OSACVSC Spring Conference – Mark, Curt, Phil, Jim & John
Online training: Nepotism, Communicating in a Crisis, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

EVENTS

Past:

- February 26, 2025 – Brief County Commissioners end of year report
- March 1, 2025 – Celebration for S. Jeziorski turning 100 years old
- March 5, 2025 – tED Talk

Future:

- March 26, 2025 – Brunswick Senior Expo and Bake off
- March 27, 2025 – Vietnam Day ceremony & luncheon
- March 28-30, 2025 – Power Piston Show at IX Center
- April 25, 2025 – Veterans Banquet
- May 16, 2025 – Merchant Marine Plaque Dedication at Chippewa Lake

Programs:

- Unleashed Creativity (Art class)
- Reflexology
- tED Talks
- Tai Chi

TRAVEL

- April 6 - April 10, 2025 - NACVSO Leadership Summit

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, 100th birthday celebration for veteran, online training. American Legion: Monthly meeting, Honor Guard, Posting of Colors, black history month ceremony. VFW: Monthly meeting, Life Member.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting, TED Talk. AMVETS: Monthly meeting.
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, fish fry meeting, served at tasting event, attended event dinner, District #7 meeting, Brothers at War movie. DAV Post #72: Life member. American Legion #202: Annual member.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202: Honor guard, life member, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137: Honor Guard, building and grounds maintenance, life member, and boy scout troop advisor, monthly meeting. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor. VSO: Monthly meeting.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: 100th birthday for Veteran, plan for DAV district meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Melanie Miller – thank you for lunch meeting. Received 4 - $50.00 Aldi gift cards from an anonymous doner, received 5 - $50.00 Walmart gift cards from the DAVA, and 20 - $20.00 Meijer food cards from a business in Brunswick.
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Will begin offering Meijer food cards May 1, 2025
- Waiting for new thermostats to be installed
- Vietnam Memorial cleaning scheduled for April 14, 2025
- There is a cracked tile in the hallway

NEW BUSINESS:

- SOP review / Sunshine Laws – discussed timeline
- 2025 handbook and update pamphlets
- Home Depot wants to help veterans with projects
- Replace the mulch at the Veterans Memorial with black onyx rocks & add flowerpots
- Will move white gravel to Veteran Memorial when we receive new building sign

- Emergency Housing Shelter – should be opening this month. We will provide an intake pack and if they complete the entire process successfully, we will provide a take home pack for their new place of residence and provide FA if our requirements are met
- Getting 100 pairs of socks to add to homeless bag
- Will include a $50 gift card that have been given to us to hand out to Veterans with homeless bag

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2025, 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. Lawrence seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 4.10.25

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 4/10/2025