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May 9, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting May 8, 2025

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. Schwehm, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Roberts were present.

The minutes from the April 10, 2025, regular meeting were read. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission: NONE

	Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1.				

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $13,640.06. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #047-05-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $19,610.34 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #048-05-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 25 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $12,585.24; motion carried. *(Resolution #049-05-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $8,158.47 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #050-05-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to approve the Pay Practices 3.8 update which allows employees to use compensation for overtime. Motion passed.
(Resolution #051-05-25)

Mr. Robert moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to delay Danielle Sampson's pay increase until background check and PIV card are approved. The pay increase will be retroactive to May 1, 2025. Motion passed. *(Resolution #052-05-25)*

Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to approve Budget CY 2026. Motion passed. *(Resolution #053-05-25)*

Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to approve spending up to $1,800.00 on food and drinks for Veterans Day at the 2025 Medina County Fair. Motion passed. *(Resolution #054-05-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of April 2025:

- 5 new applicants for financial assistance and 20 old cases for a total of 25 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 77 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 201 appointments
- 80 van riders
- 1 Veteran at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

June 6, 2025 – Calm Training – Suicide Prevention
July 13 – 19, 2025 – NACVSO Conference – Ed & Mark in person, Danielle & Sue online
July 25, 2025 – OSACVSO Quarterly Training – Ed, Mark, Danielle
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

July 25 – 27, 2025 – OSACVSC Summer Conference
Online training: Nepotism, Communicating in a Crisis, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

EVENTS

Past:

- April 25, 2025 – Veterans Banquet

Future:

- May 12, 2025 – Roundtable at Masonic Home – Ed & Jason
- May 14, 2025 – Senior Net Meeting (at MCVSO)
- May 16, 2025 – Merchant Marine Plaque Dedication at Chippewa Lake
- May 21, 2025 – Senior Day – Medina County Community Center
- Thursdays – May 22 to June 26: 6-9 pm @ Quaker Steak & Lube – Fundraiser
- May 24,2025 – Decorating graves @ OWRNC

- May 25, 2025 – OWRNC Memory Day Ceremony @ 2:00 pm
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day Parade-Medina, our van will transport Veterans
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day Event @ Chatham – Ed, speaker
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day ceremony @ Vietnam Memorial
- June 14, 2025 – Women's Veterans Day @ Memorial Hall – Danielle & Jason
- June 21, 2025 – Wounded Warrier Project @ Forever Amber Acres – Jason & Danielle
- July 26, 2025 – SPCA Event @ Medina VFW– Mark & Jason
- July 28, 2025 – Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair
- July 28 – August 3, 2025 – Medina County Fair
- August 15 – 17, 2025 - Colors of Honor

Programs:

- Unleashed Creativity (Art class)
- Reflexology
- tED Talks
- Tai Chi
- Nature Walks
- VA Outreach nurses weekly
- VA Mental Health group sessions (2 times a month)
- Money management
- Suicide training

TRAVEL

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, assisted veteran with roofing problems. American Legion: Monthly meeting, made presentation to Buckey HS students going into the military. Paper shredding, Chaplains Memorial Service. VFW: Monthly meeting, help with plaque for deceased veteran.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting, Veteran's Banquet. AMVETS: Monthly meeting. Memorial Hall board meeting. Coalition meeting, District 20 meeting.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting, Veteran's Banquet. VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, fish fry, Transported Veteran to VFW meeting. 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, Service Officer, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meeting. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor, meetings. VSO: Monthly meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, elections, Convention documentation and prep. VSO: Monthly meeting, Veteran's Banquet.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: None.
- Received 5 - $50.00 Walmart gift cards from the DAVA #72.
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Vietnam Memorial pavers cleaned
- There is a cracked tile in the hallway, emergency lighting throughout building isn't working
- Garage heater has a gas leak. Installer stated that he did not do that part of the work, Contractor to be informed.
- The Vietnam Memorial was cleaned, and repairs were made
- Flag distribution for Memorial Day has been completed
- Meijers cards for food purchases started

NEW BUSINESS:

- May 3rd is Day of Service for the VFW
- June Board meeting changed to June 10th
- Safe storage of guns for those with mental health emergency, discussion held
- Fair schedule
- Commissioners requested more quotes for rock and planters for Vietnam Memorial
- Spring newsletter has been distributed

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:04 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 Shelley J. Grassa V.P.

SECRETARY Mark A. Patterson

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 6/10/2025