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August 15, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting August 14, 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, and Mr. Roberts were present. Mr. Lawrence was excused.

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

Appeals presented to the Commission: NONE

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $8,564.26. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #067-08-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $12,857.47 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #068-08-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 19 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $15,090.01; motion carried. *(Resolution #069-08-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $8,854.65 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 #070-08-25)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $295.95 was presented to the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #071-08-25)*

Meijer food cards totaling $650.00 were given to financial assistance applicants prior to the board meeting. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to approve food card total as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #072-08-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made to have Eppolito signs make the decals for the doors. Vote was 2 for and 2 against. Motion did not pass. Ed will get a quote from another company.

A motion was made by Mr. Grassa and seconded by Mr. Roberts to accept the proposal totaling $5,520.19 by #1 Landscaping to fix and update the landscaping in the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Motion passed. *(Resolution #073-08-25)*

Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to sponsor the candlelight vigil on Friday night at the Colors of Honor event for $1,000.00. Motion passed. *(Resolution #074-08-25)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to pay $3,000.00 for Ed Zackery to attend the Leadership Medina LEAD institute in 2025 and $3,000.00 for Mark Phillipp to attend Leadership Medina in 2026. Each of them will pay $500.00 towards the total amount of the cost. Motion passed. 1 Opposed *(Resolution #075-08-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of July 2025:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 18 old cases for a total of 19 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 89 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 233 appointments
- 77 van riders
- 1 Veteran at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

September 9 - 12, 2025 – OSACVSO Fall Quarterly Training – Ed, Mark, Danielle
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

November 21 – 23, 2025 – OSACVSC Fall Conference – Mark Roberts, John Lawrence, Curt Schwehm.
Online training: Nepotism, communicating in a Crisis, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

EVENTS

Past:

- July 12, 2025 – Veterans Coalition Meeting
- July 26, 2025 – SPCA Event @ Medina VFW– Jason

- July 28, 2025 – Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair
- July 28 – August 3, 2025 – Medina County Fair

Future:

- August 15 – 17, 2025 - Colors of Honor
- August 18, 2025 – Sharon Ray & Max Miller @ Medina VFW
- August 20, 2025 – Business at the Barn
- August 26, 2025 – ODVS Director's Lunch
- September 21, 2025 – Suicide Walk – Medina
- September 24, 2025 – Bridge Event @ Medina Eagles
- September 28, 2025 – Gold Star Mother's Day – York Twp

Programs: Jason gave an update on all the programs that we are currently providing.

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

TRAVEL

- August 18, 2025 – Hall of Fame meeting in Columbus - Ed

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, training in Columbus, Fair Booth (3 nights). American Legion: Summer Conference, Meting with VFW on possible relocation plans, Meeting with Medina VFW & Willoughby VFW/American Legion on relocation, Monthly meeting. VFW: Monthly meeting. Veterans Hall: Monthly meeting, Sign maintenance, presentation to Boy Scouts about hall history.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting, OSACVSO Summer Conference, Veteran's Day at the fair, 3 shifts at MCVSO fair booth.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA #385: Life member. VFW Post #5137: Monthly meeting, Honor Guard. 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 trustee. VFW Post #5137: Honor Guard, Service Officer, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meeting, monitor community service individuals, monitor donations to VFW for veterans, receive deliveries. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor, meetings. VSO: Monthly meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, call to sick shipmate. VSO: Monthly meeting, Veterans Day at Fair, Fair booth (2 nights).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received 6 - $50.00 Walmart gift cards from the DAVA #72
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Safe storage for guns discussed with Prosecutor's Office – doesn't recommend doing this
- Eppolito Signs stated they would do the door signs for $1,160.00. Commissioners would like to receive more quotes before making decision
- #1 Landscaping listed what they would do to update the flower beds at the Veterans Memorial
- A one-year walkthrough will be done later this month on the building
- Door lock from the Community Room into kitchen was installed
- Electrical contractor is getting what is needed to fix the light that is out on the outside of the garage
- The new carpet in the offices, hallway and waiting room is starting to spot. An email was sent out about this
- The switch over for the new emails will be done in late August

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark has agreed to be the National Service Director for NACVSO and the Secretary for OSACVSO
- County Commissioner's bonus policy was discussed
- Ed asked the Commissioners to sponsor the Colors of Honor candlelight vigil
- Discussion was held concerning Ed and Mark attending Leadership Medina programs
- Discussion held about having a BBQ at the office for Veterans Day
- Art Instructor would like to take the art students to the Cleveland Art Museum at the end of the year
- Discussion held about doing marketing with TV5

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:27 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT H James Hamilton 9.5.25

SECRETARY Mark a Patterson

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 9/5/2025