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November 14, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting November 13, 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 October 9, 2025 regular meeting were read. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read, with corrections made. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Terwilliger, Frances	Yes	Yes	108-11-25
2. Norton, John	Yes	Yes	109-11-25
3. Reed, Ronald	Yes	Yes	110-11-25
4. Lambert, Mitchell	No	No	
5. Rowland, Rachel	No	No	

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $20,718.41. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #101-11-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $17,907.72 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #102-11-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 28 cases. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $16,958.77; motion carried. *(Resolution #103-11-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $8,604.65 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #104-11-25)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $54.83 was presented to the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #105-11-25)*

Meijer food cards totaling $150.00 were given to financial assistance applicants prior to the board meeting. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to approve food card total as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #106-11-25)*

A Dental invoice was presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $3,035.60. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the dental invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #107-11-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Mr. Schwehm and seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the 2026 meeting dates as presented. Motion passed. *(Resolution #111-11-25)*

Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to spend $25.00 per veteran at All Fired Up for an art class outing on November 19, 2025. Motion passed. *(Resolution #096-10-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of October 2025:

- 8 new applicants for financial assistance and 20 old cases for a total of 28 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 100 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 191 appointments
- 40 van riders
- 5 Veterans at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

March 6, 2026 - Winter Quarterly – E. Zackery, M. Phillipp, D. Sampson
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

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

EVENTS

Past:

- October 10, 2025 – Senior Expo @ Suprema Center, Wadsworth
- October 22, 2025 – Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast – Brunswick
- November 4, 2025 – County Commissioner Operation Green Light Resolution
- November 6, 2025 – Brunswick Chamber event @ Brunswick VFW
- November 11, 2025 – Speaker @ Medina High School – M. Phillipp
- November 11, 2025 – Speaker @ Ohio Western Reserve Masonic Home – J. Hoessle

Future:

- November 19, 2025 – Brunswick Chamber Veteran Day Lunch – M. Phillipp, J. Kaiser
- December 4, 2025 – Food Distribution, Lodi – M. Phillipp, J. Kaiser
- December 6, 2025 – Tank the Truck & Toys for Tots drop off @ MCVSO
- December 11, 2025 – Food Distribution – Brunswick – E. Zackery
- December 16, 2025 – MCVSO Food Giveaway
- December 17, 2025 – Food Distribution – Wadsworth – E. Zackery
- December 18, 2025 – Food Distribution – Medina – E. Zackery

Programs:

- Unleashed Creativity (Art class)
- Guitars for Vets
- Reflexology
- tED Talks
- VA Outreach nurses weekly
- VA Mental Health group sessions (2 times a month)
- Forever Amber Acres

TRAVEL

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, Veterans Day activities. American Legion: Monthly meeting. VFW: Monthly meeting. Veterans Hall: Monthly meeting, hall sign maintenance.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting, Brunswick Chamber event. VFW Post #5137: Bourbon event. AMVETS: Veterans Day activities.
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA #385: Monthly meeting, Audited checking account, attended annual dinner. VFW #5137: Monthly meeting, Honor Guard, bourbon event planning meeting, attended music event. 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. VSO: Monthly meeting, 4 referrals to MCVSO for claims, NMCBA meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you cards from client
- 5 gift cards from anonymous donor

OLD BUSINESS

- Sign in front of building has been replaced
- Vietnam Memorial – replaced mulch with black rocks
- Will be purchasing steamer to clean tiles in the building

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Tech policy will be completed no later than January
- Strategic Plan for MCVSO
- All office emails are to be used for communication
- 2026 Training schedule was handed out
- Discussed what we will be doing during the government shutdown
- Discussed using the rocks used at the memorial in the front flower bed of the building
- Proximity marketing will be filming on December 8th

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:17 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 _____

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 12/10/2025