

MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19



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May 15, 2020

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting May 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the President, Mr. Schmidt, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Destro, Mr. Forster, Mr. Grassa, and Mr. Hoessle were present.

The minutes from the April 9, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

There was no need to enter executive session.

There were no appeals presented to the Commission.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$15,160.69. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #020-05-20*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$6,726.76 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #021-05-20*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 48 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$33,854.35; motion carried. (*Resolution #022-05-20*)

Indigent Burial: No indigent burial applications to be presented to the board this month.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to approve the 2021 calendar year budget; motion carried. (*#023-05-20*)

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of April:

- 7 new applicants for financial assistance and 41 old cases for a total of 48 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 18 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 0 appointments for the month
- More than 196 direct phone calls
- More than 300 phone messages
- 6 van riders

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

- July 24, 2020 – July 26, 2020 – Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners Summer Convention in Dublin, OH.

EVENTS

Future:

- June 25, 2020 - Veteran's Briefing (Location TBD)
- August 3, 2020 - Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair.
- August 27, 2020 – Veteran's Briefing (Location TBD)
- September 24, 2020 - Veteran's Briefing (Location TBD)

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Grassa: April: VSO Video Conference Meeting (x2), worked on raffle for the hall (Home Corp) and worked on the Wi-Fi system and software upgrade (Home Corp). May: VFW Honor Guard, American Legion Honor Guard, VSO Video Conference Meeting (x2), and American Legion Regional Meeting.

Mr. Hoessle: VFW #5137: Honor Guard, Junior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop Advisor for Troop 5137, and Building and Grounds. American Legion #202: Honor Guard, Treasurer, Buckeye Boys State Trustee and Post Adjutant.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter from client.

OLD BUSINESS

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial brick sign will be completed by Memorial Day.
- Memorial Day Flags – County Cemeteries and OWRNC

NEW BUSINESS

- Reopen safely initiative. June 1, 2020, we will start taking appointments again with restrictions.
- Transportation to VAMC

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:10 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____

James Hansen

SECRETARY _____

CLERK _____

Jennifer Slavicek

DATE _____

4/11/2020