

## MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19



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### Medina County Veterans Service Commission

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August 14, 2020

### Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting August 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 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 July 9, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. David Maynard	Yes	Yes	Resolution #047-08-20
2. James Callahan	Yes	No	

**Operational bills** were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$4,866.70. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #040-08-20*)

**Demand operational bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$3,589.25 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #041-08-20*)

**Financial assistance** investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 11 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$10,658.24; motion carried. (*Resolution #042-08-20*)

**Demand emergency assistance bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$725.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #043-08-20*)

**Dental assistance** investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$5.00; motion carried. (*Resolution #044-08-20*)

**Indigent Burial:** One indigent burial application for Clark W. Smith was presented to the board. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to assist with paying \$1,000.00 of the unpaid funeral expenses for Mr. Clark W. Smith; motion carried. (*Resolution #045-08-020*)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$10,000.00, of bronze burial markers for Eastlawn Cemetery; motion carried. (*Resolution #046-08-20*)

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Client data for the month of July:**

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 11 old cases for a total of 11 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 44 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 74 appointments for the month
- 40 van riders
- 385+ phone calls

**OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC**

**Future Trainings and Funding:**

**CVSO**

- None

**CVSC**

- November 20, 2020 – November 22, 2020 – Fall Conference
- March 19, 2021 – March 21, 2021 – Spring Conference

**EVENTS**

**Past:**

- None

**Future:**

- August 15, 2020 – Mr. Few's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**OTHER**

**Travel:**

- None

**COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**AMVETS Representative (Mr. Destro):** VVA #385 Board Meeting, VFW Membership Meeting and made bank deposits and updated bookkeeping for the Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund.

**VVA Representative (Mr. Forster):** July: (9<sup>th</sup>) VSO Meeting, (11<sup>th</sup>) Farmers Market, (18<sup>th</sup>) Farmers Market, (23<sup>rd</sup>) VFW Color Guard and (25<sup>th</sup>) Farmers Market. August: (1<sup>st</sup>) Farmers Market, (8<sup>th</sup>) Farmers Market and (13<sup>th</sup>) VSO Market.

**American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa):** July: (9<sup>th</sup>) VSO Meeting, (18<sup>th</sup>) Coalition Meeting, (23<sup>rd</sup>) VFW Honor Guard, (24<sup>th</sup>) Home Corp Building Maintenance, (21<sup>st</sup>) AL #202 Staff Meeting, (25<sup>th</sup>) Home Corp set up for rental, (27<sup>th</sup>) AL #202 Meeting, (28<sup>th</sup>) VFW A/V and computer maintenance, (30<sup>th</sup>) Install wi-fi in pavilion at the VFW, (31<sup>st</sup>) VFW Security Meeting and Home Corp hall maintenance and security review. August: (1<sup>st</sup>) Home Corps Meeting, (3<sup>rd</sup>) Home Corp hall maintenance, (4<sup>th</sup>) VFW Meeting, and (13<sup>th</sup>) VSO Meeting.

**VFW Representative (Mr. Hoessle):** VFW #5137: Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop Advisor for Troop 5137, Building and Grounds, Honor guard and all VFW #5137 meetings. American Legion #202: Honor Guard, Finance Officer & Adjutant, Buckeye Boys State Trustee, and attended all A.L. #202 meetings. Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall: Finance Officer and Building and Grounds Medina County "Home Corps": Represent VVA and attended all meetings.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Training will start soon for the procurement card.
- Veteran's Hall of Fame for Valor in Columbus was canceled – See media release.
- Should receive new van from Transit in September.
- Reopen safely initiative extended through September 30, 2020.
- CARES Act money submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Memorial Day money from County.
- Eastlawn Cemetery and Brunswick.
- Focus group questions.

### **CLOSING**

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:41 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

**PRESIDENT** *R. B. Smith*

**SECRETARY** *H. James H. H. H.*

**CLERK** *Jennifer Stonaker*

**DATE** *9/10/2020*