

MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19



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September 11, 2020

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting September 10, 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 August 13, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

There were no appeals to be presented to the Commission.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$14,507.90. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #047-09-20*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$357.12 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #048-09-20*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 17 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$9,049.40; motion carried. (*Resolution #049-09-20*)

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$213.75 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 #050-09-20*)

Dental assistance investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$178.20; motion carried. (*Resolution #051-09-20*)

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to only schedule appointments with clients (Veteran, Claimant or Point of Contact) from Medina County; motion carried. (*Resolution #052-09-20*)

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT

Client data for the month of August:

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 17 old cases for a total of 17 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 49 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 76 appointments for the month
- 43 van riders
- 385+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

- March 19, 2021 – March 21, 2021 – Spring Conference

EVENTS

Past:

- August 15, 2020 – Mr. Few’s 100th Birthday

Future:

- September 11, 2020 – 9/11 Ceremony (Closed)
- September 11, 2020 – 10:30, Senator Obhof’s Veteran of the Year in Medina.
- September 12, 2020 – 9:00 AM, Medina County Veteran’s Coalition at the Lodi American Legion in Lodi.
- September 18, 2020 – 7:00 PM, POW/MIA ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Medina.
- September 25, 2020 – Veterans Hall of Fame for Valor Noon at Cy Hewitt Park in Seville.
- September 27, 2020 – Gold Star Mother’s Day

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Destro): VFW membership meeting, American Legion membership meeting, VVA #385 membership meeting, and VVA #385 board meeting.

VVA Representative (Mr. Forster): August: (18th) Marine Corps League meeting, (22nd) VFW Honor Guard, and (24th) American Legion meeting. September: (1st) VFW meeting and (10th) VSO meeting.

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): August: (13th) VSO meeting, (15th) “Back the Blue” on Medina Square, (18th) American Legion staff meeting, (24th) American Legion meeting, (26th) American Legion honor guard and VSO training with Randy, (29th) Sold tickets for Medina Children’s Center Coalition, and (31st) Cut grass at hall. September: (1st) VFW meeting, and (4th) Worked on VFW pavilion.

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.

DAV Representative (Mr. Schmidt): May: (23rd) Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Medina June: (2nd) VFW meeting, (9th) DAV meeting, (11th) VSO meeting, (16th) Marine Corps League meeting, (20th) Veteran’s Coalition meeting and worked VFW table at Farmer’s Market. July: (7th) VFW meeting, (9th) Funeral honors for 6 funerals at OWRNC with Marine Corps League, and VSO meeting, (11th) Marine Corps League golf outing fundraiser, (21st) Marine Corps League meeting, (24th) Marine Corps League fundraiser at Buehlers, and (25th) Marine Corps League fundraiser at Buehlers August: (4th) VFW meeting, (8th) VFW golf outing fundraiser, (11th) DAV meeting, (18th) Marine Corps League meeting and (27th) Funeral honors for 7 funerals at OWRNC with Marine Corps League.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you, cards (x2)
- Correspondence letter

OLD BUSINESS

- Training for procurement cards will start soon.
- Veterans Hall of Fame for Valor
- Reopen Safely initiative – Extended through the end of 2020.
- Vet owned business
- Issues with van riders waiting after appointments.

NEW BUSINESS

- CARES Act 5K to Veteran Organizations from ODVS
- Clients from out of County
- Budget Hearing is October 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the County Administration Building.
- ID Cards
- GSM; VNM Mums

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:23 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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CLERK

Jennifer Slavater

DATE

10/8/2020