

MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19



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December 11, 2020

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting December 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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 October 8, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

The minutes from the November 12, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Christine Albrecht	Yes (By Phone)	Yes	074-12-20

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$4,050.51. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #069-12-20*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$4,312.97 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #070-12-20*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 20 cases. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$10,851.95; motion carried. (*Resolution #071-12-20*)

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$1,449.95 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #072-12-20*)

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the proposed 2021 contract with Medina County Public Transit; motion carried. (*Resolution #073-12-20*)

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to distribute Christmas checks to eligible Veterans and their families totaling the amount of \$950.00; motion carried. (*Resolution #074-12-20*)

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of November:

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 20 old cases for a total of 20 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 21 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 45 appointments for the month
- 37 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- December 7, 2020 – December 9, 2020 - Appeals training completed (Slonaker & Zackery)

CVSC

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

EVENTS

Past:

- None

Future:

- December 17, 2020- Feeding Medina County Food and Tank the Truck Distribution

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): November: (12th) VSO Meeting & American Legion Meeting, (13th) Home Corp meeting with client, (16th) VFW install smoke detectors, (17th) Home Corps install smoke detectors, (19th) VFW install smoke detectors, (20th) American Legion flag sale, (24th) American Legion delivered flags, (30th) VFW membership. December: (1st) Home Corp meeting with client.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schmidt): September: (1st) VFW meeting, (8th) DAV meeting, (10th) VSO meeting, (15th) Marine Corps League meeting, and (19th) Golf fundraiser for Veterans Memorial Hall. October: (6th) VFW meeting, (8th) VSO meeting, (13th) DAV meeting, (20th) Marine Corps League meeting, and (30th) Fundraiser for Toys for Tots at Buehlers. November: (3rd) VFW meeting and (12th) VSO meeting. December: (8th) Toys for Tots event at Panther Trucking and (10th) VSO meeting.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): VFW #5137: Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop Advisor for Troop 5137, Building and Grounds for canteen, pavilion and properties, Honor guard, and all VFW #5137 meetings. American Legion #202: Treasurer and Adjutant, Honor Guard, and Buckeye Boys State Trustee Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall- Home Corp: Treasurer and Commissioner, Vietnam Veterans: Member of Post #0385

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you cards and Veteran's Day cards

OLD BUSINESS

- Wheelchair van was cleaned, and we received the sticker for it. Need a warm day to apply stickers.
- Budget has not been approved yet by the county commissioners.
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial informative signs – talking with designer still on the draft design.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Hours (COVID) closed to public through January 2021.
- Tank the Truck will be this month.
- Food distribution we are supposed to hand out 50 XMAS meals, most of which will be delivered.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:45 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 1/14/2021

SECRETARY _____ SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 1/14/2021

CLERK Jennifer Slavater

DATE 1/14/2021