

MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19



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Medina County Veterans Service Commission

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January 15, 2021

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting January 14, 2021

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 December 10, 2020 regular meeting were read. Mr. Destro 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. Jeffrey Marcellus	Yes (By Phone)	Yes	007-01-21

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$12,188.45. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #001-01-21*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$4,447.68 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #002-01-21*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 16 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$10,693.85; motion carried. (*Resolution #003-01-21*)

Demand emergency assistance bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$320.27 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 #004-01-21*)

Dental assistance investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$1,025.20; motion carried. (*Resolution #005-01-21*)

Indigent Burial: One indigent burial application for Mr. Charles Israel was presented to the board. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to assist with paying \$1,000.00 of the unpaid funeral expenses for Mr. Charles Israel; motion carried. (*Resolution #006-01-2021*)

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to approve appointments for the 2021 Medina County Veterans Service Commission Officers; The appointments are as follows: President: Mr. Schmidt, Vice President: Mr. Destro, Secretary: Mr. Hoessle; motion carried. (*Resolution #008-01-21*)

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to have the Veterans Service Office remain closed to the public through February 2021; motion carried. (*Resolution #009-01-21*)

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of January:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 15 old cases for a total of 16 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 25 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 36 appointments for the month
- 32 van riders
- 362+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

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

EVENTS

Past:

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

Future:

- February 9, 2021 – Virtual A&A briefing at 12:00 PM with Danbury
- February 23, 2021 – Virtual briefing with County Commissioners at 9:30 AM
- February 26, 2021 – Virtual A&A briefing at 1:00 PM with The Soprema Senior Center

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster): December: (10th) VSO Meeting, (14th) Valley City VFW, (15th) Marine Corps League Meeting, (16th) VSO Performance Reviews, (17th) Tank the Truck and Feeding Medina County food distribution January: (14th) VSO Meetings

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you cards and Christmas cards

OLD BUSINESS

- Credit card vs. Procurement card: Training is still on hold. Looking like it will take place in June.
- Informative Signs for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is still on hold.
- Budget was deposited and approved by the County Commissioners.
- Veterans court- Have been corresponding with County Prosecutor. Waiting to hear back from him.

NEW BUSINESS

- ODVS Training for 2021 has been published.
- Discussed office hours for the first quarter of the year. Commissioner meetings will continue to be conducted virtually.
- Discussed elections for 2021 Medina County Veterans Commission.
- Mr. Zackery is conducting a salary study. He hopes to have the data organized and ready to present to the Commission by July 2021.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:22 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 _____ SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 2/11/2021 _____

SECRETARY _____ SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY 2/11/2021 _____

CLERK Jennifer Stonaker _____

DATE 2/11/2021 _____