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Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting April 8, 2021

Executive Session

At 2:38 pm Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss certain personnel matters.

Mr. Destro	Yes
Mr. Forster	Yes
Mr. Grassa	Yes
Mr. Hoessle	Yes
Mr. Schmidt	Yes

At 3:13 pm, executive session ended.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:02 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 March 16, 2021 regular meeting were read by the Commissioners prior to the board meeting. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the March 16, 2021 regular meeting; motion carried.

There were no appeals to be presented to the Commission.

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$4,710.35. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #022-04-21*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$382.95 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #023-04-21*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 13 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$8,288.45; motion carried. (*Resolution #024-04-21*)

Dental Assistance: No dental assistance applications were presented to the Commission this month.

Indigent Burial: No indigent burial applications were presented to the Commission this month.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to renew our contract with Sweet Melissa's Landscaping in the amount of \$1,950.00; motion carried. (*Resolution #025-04-21*)

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of March:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 12 old cases for a total of 13 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 30 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 92 appointments for the month
- 68 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- None

CVSC

- None

EVENTS

Past:

- March 29, 2021 – Vietnam Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at 1:00 PM at the Medina Vietnam Veteran's Memorial

Future:

- May 18, 2021 – Medina County Senior Day drive thru health and resource fair at 10:00 AM in the Medina County fairgrounds parking lot.

OTHER

Travel:

- April 12, 2021 – April 14, 2021- Mr. Zackery will travel to Washington, D.C. for NACVSO.

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): March: (16th) VSO virtual meeting, (17th) VFW honor guard at OWRNC, (18th) VSO online training, (19th) Home Corps mailing, (20th) Virtual VSOC meeting, (22nd) Met with VFW Quartermaster to train on membership and American Legion #202 meeting, (24th) Met with roofers for hall repairs, (26th) Worked on audio system at the American Legion hall and worked on speaker system and layout of event positions for the Medina Memorial Day Parade, (27th) Met with asphalt contractor for estimate of repairs and work rental, (29th) VFW honor guard and presented the wreath at the Vietnam Memorial in Medina, and (31st) VFW honor guard for burial at a private cemetery. April: (2nd) Maintenance on hall, (3rd) Home Corp board meeting, (6th) Delivered flags for Veterans Court to the VSO, worked on hall, purchased shed for hall, and VFW meeting, and (7th) VFW Honor guard.

American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): March: (17th) American Legion #234 board meeting, (20th) VSC spring conference, (24th) American Legion #234 board meeting, (30th) Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony and continued making contacts to promote the Hometown Hero banner program and (31st) American Legion #234 board meeting. April: (1st) VVA #385 membership meeting, (3rd) Home Corp meeting, (6th) VFW meeting, and (7th) American Legion #234 membership meeting.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): VFW Post 5137: Sr. Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop 5137 Advisor, Building and Grounds and Honor Guard, American Legion Post 202: Buckeye Boys State Trustee, Treasurer, Adjutant, and Honor Guard, Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall: Commissioner, Treasurer, Building and Grounds, and Vietnam Veterans Association: Life member

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster): VSO Meeting March 16th, VFW Color Guard at Rittman 7 funerals, completed all VSO training classes for 2021, Reviewed VSO Meeting Minutes, Valor Court Meeting March 15, 2021, Valor Court Training 7 hours completed, Medina County Coalition Meeting, American Legion Meeting, VVA Meeting, VVA Memorial wreath laying and color guard, Valor Court Meeting with Judge Werner and VFW Monthly meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed the City of Medina's Memorial Day parade.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed and voted to renew the contract with Sweet Melissa's Landscaping for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- Discussed thoughts on targeted marketing for the office. Mr. Zackery is waiting on a proposal from a company that does this.
- Discussed new ideas to help and engage with Veterans and their families in Medina County.
- There will be a virtual budget meeting on May 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:32 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 Present

SECRETARY Hjama Hseml

CLERK Jennifer Slavaker

DATE 5/13/2021