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### Medina County Veterans Service Commission

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August 13, 2021

### Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:19 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 8, 2021, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. James Vala	Yes	Yes	#047-08-21

**Operational bills** were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$7,836.68. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #042-08-21*)

**Demand operational bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$10,024.19 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #043-08-21*)

**Financial assistance** investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 22 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$13,529.13; motion carried. (*Resolution #044-08-21*)

**Demand financial assistance** bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$2,808.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #045-08-21*)

**Dental assistance** investigations were conducted, and dental assistance was granted. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$870.80; motion carried. (*Resolution # 046-08-21*)

**Indigent burial:** There were no indigent burial applications to be presented to the Commission.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None

## **SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 21 old cases for a total of 22 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 61 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 154 appointments for the month
- 56 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

## **OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC**

### **Future Trainings and Funding:**

#### **CVSO**

- September 15, 2021 – September 17, 2021- OSCVSO Fall School in Columbus, Ohio. (Slonaker & Zackery)

#### **CVSC**

- None

## **EVENTS**

### **Past:**

- July 27, 2021- Mr. Zackery briefed the Medina County Commissioners, 9:30 AM.
- August 2, 2021- Veteran's Day at the Medina County Fair.
- August 2, 2021 – August 8, 2021- Medina County Fair.

### **Future:**

- September 4, 2021- Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony, 4:00 PM at VFW #5137.
- September 11, 2021- 9/11 Ceremony, 10:00 AM at 9/11 Memorial in Medina.
- September 17, 2021- POW/MIA Day
- September 26, 2021- Gold Star Mother's Day

## **OTHER**

### **Travel:**

- September 12, 2021 – September 15, 2021- Mr. Zackery will attend the NASDVA Conference in Reno, NV. (TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

## **COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa):** July: (8<sup>th</sup>) VSO Meeting & Home Corp board meeting, (9<sup>th</sup>) VFW post inspection, (12<sup>th</sup>) Home Corp bank meeting & American Legion bank meeting, (15<sup>th</sup>) VFW honor guard at OWRNC, (16<sup>th</sup>) VFW repair and install new IP network, (21<sup>st</sup>) American Legion meeting, (24<sup>th</sup>) OSACVSC summer conference and (28<sup>th</sup>) American Legion monthly meeting. August: (2<sup>nd</sup>) VSO table at Medina County Fair, (3<sup>rd</sup>) VFW monthly meeting, (5<sup>th</sup>) VSO table at Medina County Fair, (6<sup>th</sup>) VSO table at Medina County Fair, and (9<sup>th</sup>) American Legion meeting regarding 9/11 Ceremony.

**American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro):** Worked VVA #385 and American Legion #236 table on Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair, Worked VSO table twice at the Medina County Fair, American Legion membership meeting, VVA #385 membership meeting, Coordinated the hometown hero banner program with the city of Brunswick, Bookkeeping for the Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund, Serving as adjutant for the Veterans Memorial Hall and attended board meeting.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle):** American Legion Post #202- Attended all meetings, Finance Officer, Honor guard and Buckeye Boys State trustee, VFW Post #5137- Attended all meetings, Building & grounds, Honor guard, Senior Vice Commander, Boy Scout Troop 5137 advisor, Veterans Memorial Hall- Commissioner, treasurer building & grounds, attended all meetings, VSO- Worked VSO table at the Medina County Fair and VVA- Life member.

**Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster):** July: (8<sup>th</sup>) VSO meeting, (12<sup>th</sup>) American Legion Buckeye Boys State, (17<sup>th</sup>) VSO Training & Move Veterans household goods, (24<sup>th</sup>) VSO Training, and (26<sup>th</sup>) American Legion meeting August: (2<sup>nd</sup>) VSO table at the Medina County Fair, (4<sup>th</sup>) VSO table at the Medina County Fair, (5<sup>th</sup>) VVA Meeting, and (9<sup>th</sup>) Worked on pavilion at VFW Post #5137.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

### OLD BUSINESS

- Still waiting on informative signs for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be installed. They will be installed after parking lot construction is done.
- Maintenance Department is replacing and working on the damaged bricks from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Gave Commissioners a copy of the County midyear report.
- Discussed Memorial Day monies distributed by the County.
- Reviewed and discussed the office budget. As of August 1, 2021, we have spent \$291,000.00.

### CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 5:00 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**

*RESIGNED*

**SECRETARY**

*for Jim Hoessle Phillip Grasa*

**CLERK**

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**DATE**

*9/9/2021*