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Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting October 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 September 9, 2021, meeting minutes were read. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Forster 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 \$10,918.90 Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Destro seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #061-10-21*)

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$2,987.05 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #062-10-21*)

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 19 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$15,840.25; motion carried. (*Resolution #063-10-21*)

Indigent burial: One indigent burial application for Mr. Wayne Kluender was presented to the board. Mr. Destro moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying \$1,000.00 of the unpaid funeral expenses for Mr. Wayne Kluender; motion carried. (*Resolution #064-10-21*)

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to purchase a new wheelchair accessible vehicle not to exceed \$70,000.00; motion carried. (*Resolution #060-10-21*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to distribute Christmas checks to relief clients that have dependent children, clients will receive \$50.00 per dependent child, motion carried. (*Resolution #065-10-21*)

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of September:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 18 old cases for a total of 19 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 51 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 117 appointments for the month
- 73 van riders
- 400+ phone calls

OSACVSO, NACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSC

- November 19, 2021 – November 21, 2021- OSACVSC Fall Conference in Dublin, Ohio.

EVENTS

Past:

- September 11, 2021- 9/11 Ceremony, 10:00 AM at 9/11 Memorial in Medina.
- September 17, 2021- POW/MIA Day – VVA Ceremony
- September 26, 2021- Gold Star Mother's Day – Rolling Thunder Ceremony
- October 13, 2021 – Cohosted Medina County Senior Services with Medina Office for Older Adults.

Future:

- October 15, 2021- Medina County Veterans Coalition Banquet, 5:30 PM at Williams on the Lake.
- November 11, 2021- Cuyahoga Valley Railroad Veterans Day Train ride.
- December 4, 2021- Toys for Tots & Tank the Truck Drive, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at our office.
- January 27, 2022- Randy's Retirement Dinner, 6:00 PM at Pickle Mama's.

OTHER

Travel:

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): September: VSO Meeting, Delivered American flag to Medina Schools, 9/11 Ceremony at fire station #1, VFW membership (3 days), VVA POW/MIA Day Ceremony, American Legion honor guard, VFW Bylaws meeting, VFW honor guard and American Legion meeting. October: VFW meeting, American Legion honor guard, American Legion paper shredding event, Children's Center of Medina with the American Legion and VFW Membership (2 days).

American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro): VFW membership meeting, American Legion #234 membership meeting, American Legion #234 board meeting as 2nd Vice,

VVA #385 membership meeting, VV#385 board meeting at Treasurer, delivered hometown hero banners, served as Treasurer for the Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund, attended Medina County Veterans Coalition Meeting, serving as Director for the Veterans Memorial Hall as well as Adjutant for the Veterans Memorial Hall Board.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schmidt): May: VFW meeting, DAV meeting, VSO Commissioners meeting, Marine Corps League meeting, Marine Corps League funeral honors for 7 funerals at OWRNC, funerals honor for 8 small cemeteries throughout Medina County, and Memorial Day ceremony, June: VFW meeting, DAV meeting, and VSO Commissioners meeting, July: Participated in two parades in Medina and Chippewa Lake, VFW meeting, DAV meeting, and Marine Corps League meeting, August: Worked Medina VSO table at the Medina County Fair, VFW meeting, DAV meeting, VSO Commissioners meeting, and participated in Veterans Memorial Hall golf outing.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202- Honor guard, Buckeye Boys State trustee & director, VFW Post #5137- Honor guard, temporary Chaplain, building and grounds maintenance, & Boy scout troop advisor, and Home Corps- Treasurer & Commission member.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Forster): American legion color guard for 9/11 memorial ceremony, American legion color guard at the Medina square, VFW planning meeting, Valor court, American legion meeting and MCVSO meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Informative signs for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial have been installed and we received the blueprints for the Memorial on October 5, 2021.
- Discussed and accepted Brunswick Chambers of Commerce's offer of a free annual membership.
- Gave update on CARES Act- Nothing is moving anywhere right now.
- Reminded Commissioners of Budget hearing on October 20, 2021, at 9:00 AM. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Destro and Mr. Schmidt all plan to attend.
- A driver's position has been posted. An announcement will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- Memorial Day fund was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 8, 2021, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:42 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 *[Signature]*

SECRETARY *W James Hosen*

CLERK *Jennifer Slavater*

DATE *11/8/2021*