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## Medina County Veterans Service Commission

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January 14, 2022

### Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm by the Secretary, Mr. Grassa, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Forster and Mrs. Olson were present. Mr. Destro and Mr. Hoessle were absent.

At 4:19 pm Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss certain personnel matters.

At 4:22 pm, executive session ended.

The minutes from the December 9, 2021, regular meeting were read. Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Barbara Salsberry ( <i>Widow of Ronald Salsberry</i> )	No	N/A	N/A

**Operational bills** were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$7,235.77 Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #001-01-22*)

**Demand operational bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$7,954.90 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #002-01-22*)

**Financial assistance** investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 21 cases. Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$9,368.24; motion carried. (*Resolution #003-01-22*)

**Demand financial assistance** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$5,300.12 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. (*Resolution #004-01-22*)

**Dental assistance:** There were no dental assistance applications to be presented to the Commission.

**Indigent burial:** One indigent burial application for Mr. Terry L. Hunter was presented to the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to assist with paying \$978.52 of the unpaid funeral expenses for Mr. Terry L. Hunter; motion carried. (*Resolution #005-01-22*)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to close the Medina County Veterans Service Office on Friday, April 15, 2022, in observance of Good Friday; motion carried. (*Resolution #006-01-22*)

Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to close the Medina County Veterans Service Office on Friday, May 27, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day; motion carried. (*Resolution #007-01-22*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to approve the 2022 Travel Budget; motion carried. (*Resolution #008-01-22*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to approve appointments for the 2022 Medina County Veterans Service Commission Officers; The appointments are as follows  
President: Mr. Destro, Vice President: Mr. Hoessle, Secretary: Mr. Grassa; motion carried. (*Resolution #009-01-22*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion approving a \$300.00 budget to sponsor a luncheon for the Brunswick Chamber at the Brunswick VFW on November 16, 2022; motion carried. (*Resolution #010-01-22*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to purchase the same amount of yard signs advertising the MCVSO as the previous year; motion carried. (*Resolution #011-01-22*)

Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion approving a \$200.00 budget to host the Medina County Veterans Service Commission (OSACVSC) New Commissioner training at the Veterans Memorial Hall as well as a Veterans Benefits Briefing for the public on March 19, 2022; motion carried. (*Resolution #012-01-22*)

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Client data for the month of December:**

- 6 new applicants for financial assistance and 15 old cases for a total of 21 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 29 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 131 appointments for the month
- 56 van riders

**MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC**  
**Future Trainings and Funding:**

## **MCVSO**

- Date TBD - First Aid & CPR training for drivers and VSO staff.
- Drivers and VSO Office staff completed online drivers' safety courses as of January 4, 2022.

## **OSACVSO**

- March 4, 2022 – OSACVSO Winter Quarterly in Dublin, Ohio. (Slonaker & Zackery)
- April 2, 2022- Veterans Benefits Briefing at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall in Medina.
- April 4, 2022 – April 8, 2022 – OSACVSO New Service Office School (Amsden & Boggs)

## **OSACVSC**

- April 2, 2022- 11:30 am- 3:30pm, OSACVSC New Commissioners Training at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall in Medina. (Olson)

## **EVENTS**

### **Past:**

- December 16, 2021- 7:00 am, Tank the Truck & food distribution for 270 families at the Medina County Fairgrounds.
- December 23, 2021- 10:30 am Tank the Truck & food distribution for 65 families at Art Wright Stadium in Wadsworth.

### **Future:**

- January 27, 2022- 6:00 pm, Randy's retirement dinner at Pickle Mama's in Seville.
- March 30, 2022- 9:30 am, Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Medina.
- March 30, 2022- 11:00 am, Vietnam Veteran's Day luncheon at Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall in Medina.

## **OTHER**

### **Travel:**

- None

## **COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa):** December: VSO Meeting, Meeting for 4 Chaplains Ceremony, VFW Honor Guard, Tank the Truck at Community Center, Worked on American Legion's gun safe and VFW membership. January: VFW Meeting, American Legion Honor Guard, Veterans Coalition Meeting, Meeting for 4 Chaplains Ceremony and VFW Membership.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Yes, comment card.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Discussed plans to order MCVSO drink coasters and ways to distribute them.
- Building, Funds: ARP Submittal – Being reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. We should have an answer by the time the budget is due.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Informed Commissioners that Mr. Zackery was selected to serve as Vice Chair for the ODVS Advisory Committee.
- Discussed plans to order more yard signs.
- Discussed VSO's plans to host The Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioner's New Commissioners Training at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Medina on March 19, 2022. We would also like to provide a Veterans Benefits Briefing open to the public after the Commissioner's training that evening.
- Reviewed the Annual report book.
- Reminded Commissioners to report to the February Commission Meeting at 2:00 pm to review the Sunshine Laws and MCVSO SOP.
- Completed election for 2022 Medina County Veterans Service Commission.

### **CLOSING**

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:57 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Forster moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

**PRESIDENT** *Joseph D. ...*

**SECRETARY** *Deep ...*

**CLERK** *Jennifer Slavater*

**DATE** *2/10/2022*