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## Medina County Veterans Service Commission

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February 11, 2022

### Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting February 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the President, Mr. Destro, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa and Mrs. Olson were present. Mr. Forster and Mr. Hoessle were absent.

The minutes from the January 13, 2022, regular meeting were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

There were no appeals presented to the Commissioners.

**Operational bills** were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of \$6,896.57 Mr. Grassa moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #013-02-22*)

**Demand operational bills** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$2,887.07 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented, motion carried. (*Resolution #014-02-22*)

**Financial assistance** investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 17 cases. Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills and process cash grants totaling \$13,507.32; motion carried. (*Resolution #015-02-22*)

**Demand financial assistance** paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of \$2,280.71 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. (*Resolution #016-02-22*)

**Dental bills** were presented to the board. Mrs. Olson moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying \$237.40; motion carried. (*Resolution #017-02-22*)

**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 January:**

- 0 new applicants for financial assistance and 17 old cases for a total of 17 cases.
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 60 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 139 appointments for the month
- 58 van riders

## **MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC**

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

#### **MCVSO**

- February 17, 2022- MCVSO Employees completed the Heartsaver CPR AED course through the American Heart Association.

#### **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.

#### **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:**

- January 27, 2022- 6:00 pm, Randy's retirement dinner at Pickle Mama's in Seville.

### **Future:**

- February 15, 2022- Brief Medina County Commissioners, 9:30 am at County Administration Building. (Zackery)
- February 18, 2022- ODVS Advisory Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. (Zackery)
- February 18, 2022- Brunswick Senior Expo & Bake Off, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Brunswick Rec Center. (Boggs)
- March 8, 2022- Four Chaplains Ceremony, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church on Route 18. (MCVSO provided programs)

## **OTHER**

### **Travel:**

- February 21, 2022 – February 25, 2022- Mr. Zackery will attend the NACVSO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. (TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

## **COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa):** January: VSO meeting, American Legion meeting with Buckeye Jr. High School, VFW membership meeting, American Legion meetings for Four Chaplains Memorial Service, American Legion with Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Worked on weapons for the American Legion Honor Guard, American Legion

monthly meeting, and VFW Honor Guard. February: VFW meeting, worked on VFW membership twice, VFW Honor Guard, and delivered flags to a client for the American Legion. **American Veterans (AMVETS) Representative (Mr. Destro)**: VVA #385 Christmas Party, plowed snow for disabled Veteran in Brunswick multiple times, Home Corps meeting, Retirement dinner for Randy Schmidt, Home Corps Board meeting, American Legion board meeting, Filed tax return for AMVETS, VVA #385 and Medina County Veterans Memorial Fund.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Yes, thank you cards from Feeding Medina County and Sharon Ray, and New Web Release from Roland Trimmer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Commissioners reviewed and discussed quotes we received from OnTech for them to do server upgrades.
- Showed Commissioners drink coasters we ordered.
- Building, Funds: ARP Submittal – Shared feedback we received from the Prosecutor’s Office.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Financial Assistance standards took effect January 20, 2022
- MCVSO 2022 Benefit Book is at the printer currently
- Shared reports sent to ODVS with Commissioners
- Shared letter of support sent to Medina County Health Department
- MCVSO Winter 2022 Newsletter was distributed
- Emailed information for County Veterans Service Commissioners Spring Conference to Commissioners
- Reviewed and discussed Medina County’s Emergency Closing Policy
- Discussed landscaping contract for Medina County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and MCVSO Building
- Shared budget update that Financial Assistance is down.
- Reminded Commissioners to report to the March Commission meeting at 2:00 pm to review MCVSO SOP.

### **CLOSING**

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
- At 4:35 pm there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Grassa moved, and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT Joseph P. [Signature]

SECRETARY Philip [Signature]

CLERK Jennifer [Signature]

DATE 3/10/2022