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### MINUTES

**DATE:** June 15, 2011 9:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Mel Baher, President  
Frank Pocci, Vice President  
Bob Potts, Secretary  
Clayton Uzell, Commissioner  
Daniel T. Weist, Commissioner  
Thomas O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor  
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

**ABSENT:** Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director

**VISITORS:** None.

**PURPOSE:** GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mel Baher, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Frank Pocci to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT**

Due to the absence of the Executive Director, the State of the Commission and Finance Report was postponed to the July 6, 2011 Board meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on CCVSC Resolution 2011-03 was deferred to Executive Session.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The OSAVSC Summer Convention will be held in Dublin, Ohio from July 15-17, 2011. Commissioners Potts and Uzell will be attending. Registration fees are due no later than July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The exclusion of child support payments as an expense on some Level III Appeal cases prompted discussion by the Board. A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to add verified payment of child support to the "Guideline for Usual, Customary and Reasonable Expenses – Exhibit A" dated August 4, 2010. The revision will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for their review.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Frank Pocci will participate in the Middleburg Hts. Home Days parade on Friday, June 24, 2011.

Mel Baher attended a Flag Day Ceremony last evening at American Legion Post 91. The affair was very well received and well attended.

Dan Weist attended Flag Day ceremonies yesterday at both the Knights of Columbus in North Olmsted and American Legion Post 211. Both events were well attended.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Dan Weist to go into Executive Session to discuss CCVSC Resolution 2011-03 and the meeting with County Council members on June 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the CCVSC 2012 Tax Budget.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:50 a.m.)

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clayton Uzell to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:44 a.m.)

CCVSC Resolution 2011-03 and the County Council meeting to discuss the CCVSC Budget were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

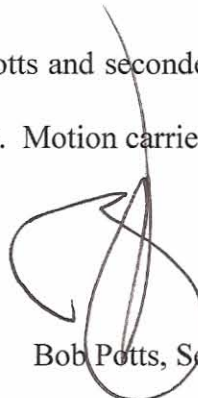
For the record, Commissioner Baher reaffirmed that Exhibit A of the "Guideline for Usual, Customary and Reasonable Expenses – Exhibit A" dated August 4, 2010 already lists child support. The Board will ask the Executive Director to reiterate to the staff that child support is considered an unusual, customary and reasonable expense that an applicant may incur and still remain eligible for financial assistance.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Dan Weist to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Mel Baher, President



Bob Potts, Secretary

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