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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: February 19, 2020 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mel Baher, President
Christopher Grau, Vice President
Frank Pocchi, Secretary
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Clay Uzell, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

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

A motion was made by Frank Pocchi and seconded by Chris Grau 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, Grau, Pocchi, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

A motion was made by Frank Pocchi and seconded by Clay Uzell to accept the report of the Executive Director with the necessary corrections and/or additions.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocchi, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Executive Director is working with the county fiscal office to encumber funds from the 2020 budget to pay rent for the VSC main office.

Saturday, February 22, 2020 is the Veteran of the Year luncheon honoring Dan Weist, former Commissioner. All five Commissioners, the Executive Director, and several staff members will attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2020-07 providing for the purchase of gloss laminated grocery bags from American Solutions, expenses not to exceed \$15,000.

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

The Executive Director proposed a new bus ticket procedure. Clients will now receive one bus ticket at a time for appointments. The new procedure will be effective June 1, 2020. Signs will be purchased and posted immediately.

The Commissioners reviewed the CCVSC application of the county vacation policy and determined that it was being applied incorrectly. The Executive Director was directed to apply appropriate corrections.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Frank Pocci passed out 100 bags at a recent meeting.

Clay Uzell also passed out bags at his conference.

Chris Grau reported that Dick Healy from the Parma CBOC is doing well and back at work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, matters to be kept confidential, and employment matters.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:08 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:23 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed collective and personnel matters to be kept confidential.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

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


Mel Baher, President


Frank Pocci, Secretary

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Finance Dept.:
Executive Director:
Commissioners: