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MINUTES

DATE: November 2, 2016 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Frank Pocci, Vice President
Bob Potts, Secretary
Clayton E. Uzell, Commissioner
Daniel T. Weist, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED:

Mel Baher, President
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS:

None.

PURPOSE:

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Frank Pocci, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Bob Potts 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: Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Bob Potts – VVA

- I attended the VVA Chapter 249 board meeting and membership meeting.
- I attended both Level III appeal hearings and both open public board meetings during the month of October.
- I stopped in to visit CCVSC staff at both the CBOC and Wade Park offices during the month.
- I did not attend the November Chapter 249 board meeting.
- Veteran's Day, November 11th, the Chapter will be the honor guard for a Veteran's Day Program at Holly Lane Elementary School at 1:00 p.m.

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended a pre-meeting at VFW Post 7647 North Olmsted.
- I stopped in to see CCVSC staff at the Parma CBOC while there for an eye appointment.
- I attended both Level III appeal hearings and one open public board meeting during the month of October. I did not attend the October 19th outreach board meeting at 7:00 p.m., due to medical reasons.
- On November 10th, three separate nursing homes have asked the post to participate in Veteran's Day ceremonies.
- November 11th at 8:30 a.m., I was asked to attend a Veteran's Day Program and continental breakfast at North Olmsted High School.
- November 11th, I will also be performing a flag folding ceremony for an 89-year old veteran resident of a nursing home near the North Olmsted VFW Post, and will present the flag to him after the ceremony.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended all CCVSC Board meetings during the month of October.
- I visited staff at the Parma CBOC.
- I referred one veteran to the CCVSC to file a VA claim.
- November 1st, we did not conduct the regular meeting of AMVETS because of honor guard duty at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- I attended the State Dept. meeting of the Italian American War Veterans and was elected Adjutant.
- I participated in the Columbus Day parade and drove the CCVSC van.

Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor, joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Dan Weist to approve Resolution 2016-28 providing payment for the purchase of multiple domain names for a ten-year registration through Linear Creative for the completion of CCVSC re-branding (Resolution 2016012), amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2016-29 providing for the purchase of uniform shirts for full-time CCVSC employees, vendor to be determined, and expenses not to exceed \$7,500.

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

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to approve Resolution 2017-01 requesting authority for eighteen CCVSC service officers to attend training and maintain membership and accreditation with the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers (OSACVSO) and National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) in 2017, expenses no to exceed \$48,142.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Dan Weist made a referral to the CCVSC service department requesting an updated Income Verification Form.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation and new employment.


AYES: Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:53 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business at 11:05 a.m.

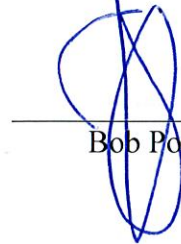
In Executive Session, the Board met an applicant for the position of Benefits Coordinator and also discussed employee compensation. The Executive Director was instructed on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, Vice President



Bob Potts, Secretary

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