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COMMISSIONER



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FRANK POCCI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
VACANT
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
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MINUTES

DATE: October 4, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Mel Baher, Commissioner
DAV Commissioner, Vacant
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pocci followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Potts called for a moment of silence for victims of Sunday's mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Bob Potts – VVA

- September 6th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- September 13th – I attended the CCVSC level III appeals hearings.
- September 20th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- September 27th – I attended the CCVSC level III appeals hearings.
- October 3rd – I attended VVA Chapter 249 Board meeting. Discussion was held to decide on what to do about lack of attendance and member participation.
- October 3rd – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 membership meeting.

Clay Uzell – VFW

- September 6th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- September 9th – I attended the VFW District 7 picnic held at Post 3345 in Strongsville and the Post's Community Day open house. I visited the CCVSC table while there.
- September 10th – I participated in the Lyndhurst Home Days parade. VFW Post 3345 Color Guard led the parade with the CCVSC van following behind. I distributed CCVSC literature. We rededicated the Veteran's monument, held a flag-raising ceremony and placed a wreath honoring our veterans.
- September 12th – I stopped in to see our service officers at the CBOC while there for an appointment.
- September 13th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- September 18th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 Post meeting and conducted regular business.
- September 20th – I attended the CCVSC outreach meeting at VFW Post 2133 in Cleveland and answered questions concerning the commissions' benefits and services.
- September 27th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- I also referred two clients to the CCVSC for benefits.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- Sunday, September 10th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Fall Conference held at American Legion Post 703 in Parma Hts., Ohio. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. I presented the executive approved financial reports for July 2017, as District Finance Officer. American Legion Department of Ohio Adjutant Tom Simons was our guest speaker.
- Monday, September 11th – I was the master of ceremonies for the sixteenth annual Patriot Day Ceremony held on the Berea Triangle at 9:00 a.m. Guest speakers included Cyril Kleem, Mayor of Berea, Joe Greco, Chief of Police, and Fire Department Chief Mark Kaufhold. The event was well-attended, including our very own Executive Director.
- Thursday, September 14th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. As First-Vice Commander, I gave my updated membership report.
- Friday, September 15th – I attended, and participated in, the annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony held at American Legion Post 91 pavilion at 7:00 p.m. Names of all Ohioans still listed as missing were read by several members of Post 91.
- Monday, September 25th – I attended the American Legion 13th District executive board meeting held at American Legion Post 703 in Parma Hts., Ohio at 7:30 p.m. I presented the August 2017 financial reports for approval, as District Finance Officer.
- Thursday, September 28th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting held at 7:00 p.m. I presented my updated membership report, as First-Vice Commander. I also presented a quarterly income and expense report for our kitchen, as the appointed kitchen advisor.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended both open public board meetings and both Level III appeal hearings during the month of September.
- I attended the Italian American War Veterans (ITAM) monthly meeting at Post 34.
- I attended the State Dept. meeting in Lorain, Ohio.
- October 3rd – I attended the AMVETS meeting, which was well-attended. Discussion took place regarding Issue 2.
- ITAM took donations for those affected by the hurricanes.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve a revision to the News Media Policy dated October 4, 2017.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2017-10, dated October 4, 2017, providing for the purchase of marketing/advertising for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission for Year 2018, expenses not to exceed \$250,000.00

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jon Reiss extended an invitation to Board members to attend a Veteran’s Art Exhibit (EVAC – Experiencing Veterans & Artists Collaboration) through Tiffin University, on November 10, 2017, at Hopkins Airport.

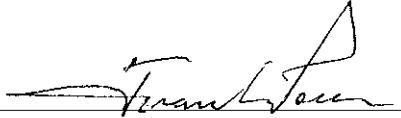
Asst. County Prosecutor provided a Release and Waiver of Liability that CCVSC clients must sign prior to being transported to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio.

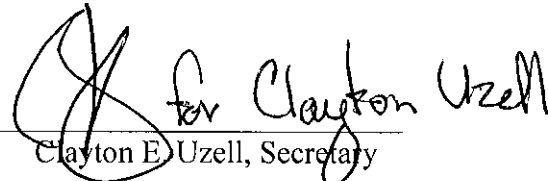
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items for executive session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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


Frank Pocci, President


Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary

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