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COMMISSIONER



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COMMISSIONER



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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: December 18, 2019 9:30 a.m.

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

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Clay Uzell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher 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, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to accept the report of the Executive Director with the necessary corrections and/or additions.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Veterans Service Commission will be closed from December 24, 2019 through December 27, 2019. The 2020 holiday schedule will be discussed at a January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers on the CCVSC Board

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Mel Baher to elect the following officers on the CCVSC Board for Year 2020, using the guideline established in January 2007. There were no other nominations.

President	Mel Baher (American Legion)
Vice President	Chris Grau (DAV)
Secretary	Frank Pocci (AMVETS)

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

The Executive Director presented a new quality control program. After an in-depth discussion the Executive Director will make suggested changes and present the revised program at a future meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Chris Grau and seconded by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to hear one (1) client case and appeal.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:07 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:19 a.m.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeals that were discussed in Executive Session, are attached.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Chris Grau to go back into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, pending or imminent court action and certain personnel matters.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:21 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 12:25 p.m. In Executive Session the Board reviewed various issues related to the union negotiations.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

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



Mel Baher, Vice President



Chris Grau, Secretary

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Finance Dept.:
Executive Director:
Commissioners: