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COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCI
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Disabled American Veterans
CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



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Vietnam Veterans of America
BOB POTTS
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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: June 18, 2020 9:30 a.m.

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

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 Clay Uzell 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 Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell 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:

Boyer sign originally installed the window graphics that were damaged during the protests. The Finance Manager was unable to contact Boyer sign to replace the graphics and will reach out to other vendors.

All employees who will be driving the new van will be required to attend a one day driving school course.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to approve Resolution 2020-11 providing for the purchase of an advertising agreement with the DD-214 Chronicle for 12 months of advertising ads, expenses not to exceed \$6,000.

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

The Executive Director proposed a new staffing/strategic plan. Staffing needs have decreased due to COVID, but more employees will be hired in the future.

A motion was made Frank Pocci and seconded by Chris Grau to select Adam Radikovich for the position of Veterans Service Officer, effective June 21, 2020. This position will be a promotion with a probationary period of 180 days.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and matters to be kept confidential.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:57 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:40 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed collective bargaining and personnel and structural 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 10:42 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: