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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: December 16, 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
Feronne Williams, Deputy 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 Jon Reiss, Executive Director.

A motion was made by Chris Grau 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.) One item was set aside for discussion in Executive Session.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Executive Director updated the Commissioners on fiscal outstanding expenses and the projected budget surplus. Most expense items have been cleared.

The VSC will continue with COVID protocol. Staff will work alternating weeks in the office to minimize exposure. Overtime is authorized if needed but will be kept to a minimum.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2020-30 for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Officers to attend training and maintain membership and accreditation. Expenses not to exceed \$63,000.

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

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve Resolution 2020-31 for the Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission to utilize funds as necessary to prepare for and/or implement emergency protocol. Expenses not to exceed \$50,000.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bob Potts attended two funerals for veterans who died from COVID.

Jon Reiss is recovering from COVID.

The VA hospitals will follow protocol when distributing the COVID vaccine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell to go into Executive Session to discuss a certain personnel matters, a consent agenda item that was set aside, and a Level III appeal.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:50 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:27 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed certain personnel matters regarding employment and compensation, matters of collective bargaining, and a Level III Appeal.

President Mel Baher stated that the Board considered one (1) client appeal today.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, is attached.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Clay Uzell to remove Adam Radikovich from probation.

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

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



Mel Baher, President



Frank Pocci, Secretary

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Executive Director:

Deputy Director:

Commissioners: