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COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



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CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: February 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.

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

EXCUSED: Clay Uzell, Commissioner

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chris Grau, President.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci 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, Grau, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Items:

1. Board room upgrade – work in progress
2. Re-key building – work in progress (master keys, desk keys, and office keys)
3. Website electronic submissions – sent to web designer for coding
4. Holiday ham/turkey coupon – no update
5. Gift card sanctions – discussed consequence for misuse of card (possible sanction, warning, and/or restitution for using the card for unacceptable items)

6. Advertising/Marketing/Social Media – no update
7. Direct mail to veterans – report with client addresses and emails has been obtained
8. County surplus – working with the county on relocation options – waiting for determination if funds may be used
9. Review Medina County Website – no update
10. Remove Social Work from our website – completed
11. COVID vaccination – after discussion on requiring staff to get the vaccination it was decided it is a personal decision
12. Dental/Vision/Hearing providers – work in progress

The Board discussed lifting the income restrictions on financial assistance applications. Effective immediately, there will be no income restrictions to apply for financial assistance. Traditional applications will be taken. Level I is authorized to adjudicate up to six (6) months of assistance and Level II is authorized to adjudicate up to nine (9) months of assistance. All required documents must be provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

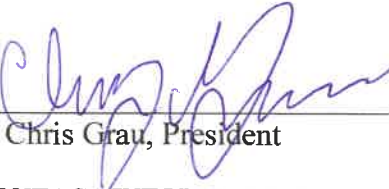
A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to go into Executive Session to discuss a certain personnel matter, employment.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:07 a.m.)

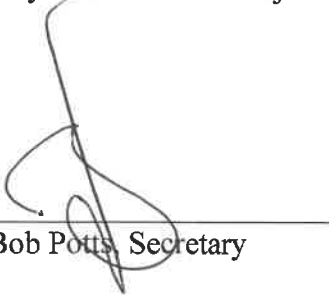
The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:50 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed a certain personnel matter regarding employment and met with the four new hires for introductions.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

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



Chris Grau, President



Bob Potts, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

Requests for Financial Assistance/
Filing claims with the Dept. of

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Executive Director:

Deputy Director:

Commissioners:

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Jon Reiss (216-698-2611)

Feronne Williams (216-698-3845)

Mary Kitko, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2651)