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COMMISSIONER



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FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: January 19, 2022 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
Mark Musson, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

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

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. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Executive Director received correspondence from the county stating that they are in active negotiations with Recovery Resources for the purchase of the building on Chester. In the meantime, the executive team continues to look for temporary locations for employees during the ongoing construction at the main office, due to safety concerns. One option may be the Jane Edna Hunter building.

Cuyahoga County has seen a drop in positive COVID cases. Employees have been productive during closures and will return to the main office on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers on the CCVSC Board

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to elect the following officers on the CCVSC Board for Year 2022, using the guideline established in January 2007. There were no other nominations.

President	Frank Pocci (AMVETS)
Vice President	Bob Potts (VVA)
Secretary	Mel Baher (American Legion)

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

New programs and modifications of current programs were discussed. Some points of discussion included Walmart gift cards for vision, expansion of hearing aid programs, assistance for those on a fixed income, headstone reset and bronze markers for headstones.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss a certain personnel matter – discipline.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:00 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:24 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed certain personnel matters regarding discipline.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Chris Grau to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

Requests for Financial Assistance/
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