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# **MINUTES**

DATE/TIME:

June 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mel Baher, Vice President
James Riley, Secretary
Frank Pocci, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

Matthew Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

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Bob Potts, President

VISITORS:

None.

PURPOSE:

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mel Baher, Vice President.

A motion was made 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). Motion seconded by Jim Riley. Discussion: None.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Reiss met with RTA regarding a Veteran Ride Free program. The RTA is open to the idea but will have to do some research to determine the cost. Other purchasing options for the VSC are being researched.

The outreach team continues to search for a venue for the 2023 VetConnect. Rocket Mortgage Field House would be ideal, but finding an available date has been a challenge.

The County has not finalized funding for the new VSC headquarters. In the meantime, options to lower the cost being looked into. The building's roof replacement is one option to potentially save funds. Another option is having the county cover the cost of the parking lot if the VSC provides parking during elections. Evaluations of the design and costs continue. Mr. Reiss will work with the county to ensure funding.

Matt Convery will provide an official ruling on the commissioners right to vote when attending a meeting via Zoom.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

With no further business, a motion was made by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Jim Riley.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mel Baher, Vice President

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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