



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

August 2, 2021 9:00 AM

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Donald Hanson, District 6
Paul Schincariol, District 7

Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Meeting

1. Call to Order
 - Committee Members Present: Bob Adams, Richard Overton
 - Absent: Mike Henry
 - Others in attendance: Administrator Hardester, Stoney Summey, Sherry Swartz
 - Minutes: Cari Elmore
2. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
 - Administrator Hardester requested to add item D to the agenda to review a draft of a new Financial Request form.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Mr. Adams confirmed Agenda approved with addition of form.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. 7/12/21 - Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Overton; Supported by Mr. Adams;
 - Motion: Carried.
6. Public Comment
 - None.
7. Agenda Items
 - A. Relief Requests
 - Sherry Swartz presented 3 relief requests, for ID # 329730, 329754, and 329755, up for \$300 burial funding each. Requests were reviewed.
 - Discussions were held about the process used for the burial requests.
 - Mr. Overton prefers to receive these electronically for review prior to approval.

- Discussions were held about confidentiality of electronic files and possibly approving in person. Administrator Hardester to review the best ways to get these to the board prior to meetings.
- The question of whether these forms need to be notarized was discussed.

Motion by Mr. Overton to approve the requests; Supported by Mr. Adams;
Motion: Carried.

B. Veterans Services Update

Stoney Summey presented the Veterans Services Update.

- Stoney discussed a request for vet dependency care.
- Discussions were held about tax, case laws and statutes.
- Stoney reported that they have adjusted phone numbers on the websites.

C. Veterans Services Positions Posted

Administrator Hardester reported about the Veterans Services positions posted and the candidates that have applied. The Veterans Services office is being updated with new carpet and furniture.

D. Draft Form - Request for Financial Assistance

Administrator Hardester reviewed the draft form created for requesting financial assistance. Discussions ensued.

- Discussions were held about an appeals process.
- Discussions were held about having a policy about the parameters of approval. This will be an assignment for the new director.
- Recommendation to add personal property to the form, remove war period eligible, add a disclaimer about truthfulness, add copy of identification to page 3.

8. Public Comment

Stoney reported that MVAA Grant has been approved. Some of the services that could be covered were discussed, including:

- Service Dog program
- Events for Veterans
- Veterans Service office update or vehicle purchase

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dick Overton; Supported by Bob Adams, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.