



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

September 7, 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: Mike Henry, Richard Overton

Absent: Bob Adams

Others in Attendance: David Krzycki, Judge David DiStefano, Sherry Swartz, Frank Hardester

Minutes: Cari Elmore
2. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Mike Henry; Supported by Dick Overton;
Motion: Carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **8/2/2021 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the 8/2/2021 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Meeting Minutes by Mike Henry; Supported by Dick Overton; Motion: Carried.
6. **Public Comment**
Judge DiStefano welcomed David Krzycki to Van Buren County and his new role as Veterans Services Director.
7. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **SSRF Emergency Relief and Burial Assistance Form**
Administrator Hardester presented the updated form.
 - Mike Henry asked if financial information is needed for burial assistance. Sherry responded yes, as there is a \$40,000 income limit. Discussion ensued.

- Sherry requested that an indication be added that some items can be skipped for burial assistance and to make the approval form separate so it is not sent to the person making the request.

Motion to approve the SSRF Emergency Relief and Burial Assistance Application as amended by Mike Henry; Supported by Dick Overton. Motion: Carried.

B. Relief Requests

- Sherry Swartz stated that she had a request but it was not complete and will have to wait until the next meeting.
- Sherry stated that you can request a list from the clerk's office of the deaths that are vets or spouse of vets, then they send a letter and application to the family.
- Dick Overton requested to make the form available on the website.
- Sherry stated that there is a relief request that was recorded as approved in May of 2020 for a \$24,000 shower installation, for a veteran that was in an accident in September 2019. The applicant reached out because payment had not been received. Discussion ensued. David Krzycki stated that we will research this topic and table it at the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

David Krzycki formally introduced himself, discussed his background, and what he has been doing since he started in his role as the new Veterans Services Director. Mr. Krzycki updated the group on the Veterans Services Officer position.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Henry; Supported by Dick Overton; Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned: 9:54 AM