



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

October 4, 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
Present: Robert Adams, Richard Overton, Dennis Urquhart, David Krzycki, Stoney Summey, Sherry Swartz

Absent: Mike Henry
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 Bob Adams; Supported by David Krzycki; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes

A. 09/07/2021 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Meeting Minutes
Richard Overton stated that in Item 7, it was stated there is a \$40,000 income limit. That is not true, it is based on your assets, not your income.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Bob Adams; Supported by David Krzycki; Motion: Carried.
6. Public Comment
 - David Krzycki introduced Dennis Urquhart, the new Veterans Services Officer.
 - David Krzycki stated he attended a conference and spoke to a group called Women In Combat, they are getting us flyers to use and will be joining the Stand Down.
 - David Krzycki reported about spending time with Sherry to process applications.
7. Agenda Items

A. Emergency Relief / Burial Assistance (Theresa Hampton)
David Krzycki reported that this committee approved the \$300 burial assistance for this application, but an internal error was made and the applicant was sent the entire burial cost of \$5,334. The applicant received and cashed the check before the error was caught. The County Administrator has spoken to the applicant, who stated that she has

already spent the money and cannot afford to pay it back. The request is to accept an application from her for the remaining \$5,034 for the emergency relief funds. Discussion ensued. Recommendation to have the County Administrator present to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Motion to deny the request to move the remaining balance to the emergency relief funds by Richard Overton; Supported by Bob Adams; Motion: Carried.

B. Emergency Relief / Burial Assistance (Scott Barkalow)

David Krzycki reported that the application in question was brought before the committee in 2020, for a bathroom upgrade for approximately \$25,000. The previous VSO called the requester and told them that this request was approved by this committee. No record of that approval can be found. Only one bid was received and signatures are questionable. The request is to have the applicant re-apply, indicating exactly how the bathroom remodel will help the veteran in question and require 3 bids for the work. Finally, any approved amounts will be paid directly to the contractor.

Motion to support the request for re-application by Richard Overton; Supported by Bob Adams; Motion: Carried.

C. Other Emergency Relief Applications

Applications for relief were reviewed:

- The veteran had been in an auto accident. The request is from the parents for the \$300 burial fund. Request is approved.
- The request is from the guardian appointed by the veteran, for the \$300 burial fund. Request is approved.
- The request is from the daughter of the veteran. The veteran left an estate with a value of \$112,000, \$7,000 for burial, and \$15,000 in savings. Request is denied.

Motion to approve the first two applications and deny the third by Bob Adams; Supported by Richard Overton; Motion: Carried.

8. Public Comment

Richard Overton stated that the county can put in any policies that they would like. Now is the time to implement these policies.

Discussions were held about the application. Stoney stated that he thinks that the application that was used for the requests reviewed today is missing some information; it does not include the statement about real estate, not including homesteads. David Krzycki stated that he will send the updated form to the committee and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Bob Adams stated that the SSRF is a separate entity from the Veterans Services, with a director in place, we can go to act 193 which would put everyone on the same team. Stoney agreed that this would be a good idea, and he would be happy to help if that is the direction they would like to go.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Richard Overton; Supported by Bob Adams; Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned: 9:55 AM

