

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs  
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11 December 2019

### **Minutes**

At 1500 Commissioner Fred Dimon called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs to order. Commissioners Susan Springer, Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson and Mike Naber were present. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and Dustin Teays from the "Newton Daily News" and the Jasper County Human Resource Director, Dennis Simon.

The Minutes of the 13 November 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Fred Dimon stated there being no further corrections of the minutes that they stand approved as read.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Veterans Outreach November 6, 2019 (RECON) Survey Evaluations: The commission examined the twenty plus surveys. Overall most of the responses indicated that the event was informative. Some of the surveys pointed out issues of concerns (i.e. parking, location, food, format) these issues will be addressed while preparing for our Veterans Outreach Spring 2020.

#### **New Business:**

1. November 2019 Budget Report was presented to the Commission.
2. November 2019 Directors Activity Report was presented to the Commission.
3. Distribute Open Meetings, Open Records Handbooks to the Commissioners:  
Fred, Marta, Susan, Jerry and Mike were given a copy of the 18th edition of this book.

4. Veterans Outreach Spring 2020: The Director provided a sheet of ideas for this 2020 project.

A discussion of these ideas will be put to paper at our January 18, 2020 meeting. Up for discussion: location; parking; format; food; set up like a trade show; date; time; advertising; radio; newspaper; door prizes; exhibitors. And much, much more...

#### **Announcements:**

Susan Springer announced "Living Our Lives, forum on Suicide Awareness & Prevention"  
Saturday December 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon @ The Grinnell Hotel

Mike Naber announce that we should look into evaluations for Kurt & Keith.  
Dennis Simon, Human Resources will locate these evaluations.

#### **Public Input (None)**

Fred Dimon announced that the next meeting will be on Wed. Jan 8, 2020 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1520 Susan Springer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marta Ford. The motion passed unanimously.