

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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9 December 2020

Per Iowa Code 21.8 Electronic Meetings, the December 2020 Meeting will be conducted via “Zoom” at 1500 on 9 December 2020.

The “Zoom Link”:

<https://zoom.us/j/95828558047?pwd=N1VZcmlNQmpDTjkyZVRhaGIZUGxTUT09&from=addon>

Agenda

Call the Meeting to Order:

Approve Minutes: 10 November 2020 Regular Meeting

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Veterans Resources Outreach “Spring 2021”**
- 2. Veteran Resources Outreach “November 23, 2020 Flu Shot Clinic”**
- 3.**

New Business:

- 1. November 2020 Director’s Activity Report**
- 2. November 2020 Budget Report**
- 3. Allocation Fund (FY 2020 – 2021)**
- 4. Veterans Outreach Tasks**
- 5.**

Public Input:

Announcements:

Confirm next meeting for 13 January 2021 at 1500 in the Board Room of the Jasper County Supervisors; Court House Basement or “Zoom” ...

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Minutes

At 1507 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order via “Zoom”. Those in attendance were Commissioners Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson Mike Naber and Matthew Smith. Also present were Director Kurt Jackson and VSO Keith Thorpe.

Approve Minutes: 14 October 2020 Regular Meeting: Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Veterans Resources Outreach: (Future Event):** “Spring 2021” DMACC has yet to provide possible dates for our event.
2. **Veterans Resources Outreach: (23 November 2020 “Flu Clinic”:** This event is being advertised in the Newton Daily News, The Advertiser and KCOB Radio.

New Business:

1. **October 2020 Director’s Activity Report** was presented to the Commission
2. **October 2020 Budget Report** was presented to the Commission.
3. **Allocation Fund (FY 2020 – 2021):** Once again it was a consensus of the Commission that because of the “pandemic”, it will be difficult to take total advantage of our Allocation Fund.
4. **Homeless / Transient Veterans “Protocol”:** After discussing a recent event of a homeless veteran being dropped off in Newton and wanting to travel to another destination in Iowa, it was the consensus of the Commission that each event should be managed case by case. If a situation falls outside of established “protocol”, the Director and VSO are to notify the Commission for direction to resolve the situation.

Announcements:

Jerry Nelson stated that Legion Post 111 is trying to do some carry out dinners to be delivered to veterans around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Public Input: (None)

Confirm next meeting for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 will be at 1500 in the Board Room of the Jasper County Supervisors or become a “Zoom” meeting. To be determined.

At 1550 Matthew Smith made a motion and Marta Ford seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe

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Directors Activities Report – November 2020

I. Ongoing Projects

- a. Vietnam Veteran Book (42) books remaining

II. Veterans Assisted;

- a. Appointments - **11**
- b. Call-ins - **89**
- c. Iowa Veteran Home applications - **0**
- d. Iowa Trust Fund application - **1**
- e. Health Care applications - **0**
- f. Disability Claims/upgrades - **6**
- g. Pension assistance - **0**
- h. Grave Markers - **3** / Flag Cases - **1**
- i. Misc. Forms - **11**
- j. Financial Assistance requests - **3**

Description	Code	Total \$	Voucher	Date of Request	DATE of Check	What for?	Miles	Who Paid
Wages-Elected/Dept Head		\$3,017.32						
Kurt Jackson		\$1,489.56			11/11/2020	Salary		Kurt Jackson
Kurt Jackson		\$1,527.76			11/25/2020	Salary		Kurt Jackson
Wages - Part Time Assistant		\$1,234.46						
Keith Thorpe		\$612.85			11/11/2020	Wages		Keith Thorpe
Keith Thorpe		\$621.61			11/25/2020	Wages		Keith Thorpe
Wages-Vet Affairs Commission		\$200.00				Monthly Meeting		
Marta Ford		\$50.00		11/10/2020	11/24/2020	Attended via "Zoom"		Marta Ford
Mike Naber		\$50.00		11/10/2020	11/24/2020	Attended via "Zoom"		Mike Naber
Jerry Nelson		\$0.00				Attended via "Zoom"		
Matthew Smith		\$50.00		11/10/2020	11/24/2020	Attended via "Zoom"		Matthew Smith
Sue Springer		\$50.00		11/10/2020	11/24/2020	Attended via "Zoom"		Sue Springer
Magazines/Periodicals/Books		\$350.31						
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc		\$350.31		11/20/2020	11/27/2020	Veterans eBook on Laws and Regulations		Matthew Bender & Co., Inc
Advertisement		\$326.00						
Newton Daily News		\$240.00		10/31/2020	11/27/2020	Advertising		News Printing Company
Hometown Press		\$86.00		10/31/2020	11/27/2020	Advertising		Hometown Press
Postage/Mailing		\$7.50						
United States Post Office		\$7.50		11/18/2020	11/27/2020	Stamps		United States Post Office
Maint-Office/Computer Equip		\$313.71						
The Shredder		\$42.00				Shredding Services		The Shredder
Premier Copier		\$0.00				Copier Contract (Billing Errors)		Premier Copier
Forbes Office Solutions		\$271.71		10/27/2020	11/27/2020	3 Pak Cartridge Ink		Forbes Office Solutions
Personal Items/Clothing		\$20.00						
Caseys Gas Card	TP1871	\$20.00		11/24/2020	11/24/2020	Gas Money needed to go to DSM VA		Veteran TP1871
Food/Provisions		\$0.00	\$1,163.00					
Fareway #848	KC6726		\$748.00			Food / Provisions Vouchers (152 & 154)		Fareway #848
Fareway #848	OE3230		\$415.00			Food / Provisions Vouchers (155 & 156)		Fareway #848
Utilities (Elec & Gas)		\$303.95						
Mid American Energy	KC6726	\$303.95		11/30/2020	12/22/2020	Utilities (Gas & Electric)		Mid American Energy
Other Transportation (RIDE)		\$785.18					1365.5	
Diane Birchard		\$56.93		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	99.0	Jasper County Rides
Debbie Boehmer		\$44.85		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	78.0	Jasper County Rides
Bill Ehler		\$60.95		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	106.0	Jasper County Rides
Don Goode		\$151.80		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	264.0	Jasper County Rides
Mary Helms		\$139.73		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	243.0	Jasper County Rides
Paul Koepfen		\$117.88		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	205.0	Jasper County Rides
Bruce Maach		\$25.59		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	44.5	Jasper County Rides
Larry Pauley		\$103.50		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	180.0	Jasper County Rides
Becky Ruehle		\$24.15		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	42.0	Jasper County Rides
Bill Umbarger		\$59.80		11/5/2020	11/24/2020	Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	104.0	Jasper County Rides
Care-Graves/Markers		\$524.88						
CSA Woodworking		\$524.88		11/19/2020	11/27/2020	(8) Flag Cases & Flag Corrugated Boxes		CSA Woodworking
Fica-County Portion								
IPERS-County Portion								
Employee Group Insurance								

Administrative Expenses				\$5,449.30
Transport Assistance	\$785.18	1365.5	Miles	
Shelter Assistance	\$0.00			
Food Assistance	\$1,163.00			
Utility Assistance	\$303.95			
Medical & Other Assistance	\$20.00			
Funeral Assistance	\$524.88			
Assistance Expenses				\$2,797.01
Admin2 Expenses				\$0.00
Monthly Operating Expenses				\$8,246.31

State Allocation Fund Balance	\$8,970.39
Public Donation Fund Balance	\$4,274.08

Veteran Assistance			
Food & Provisions	OE3230	\$415.00	
Food & Provisions / Mid American Energy	KC6726	\$1,051.95	
Gas Money needed to go to DSM VA	TP1871	\$20.00	
(8) Flag Cases & Flag Corrugated Boxes	CSA Woodworking	\$524.88	
Transport Veterans to Medical Appt Oct 2020	Jasper County Ride	\$785.18	
		\$2,797.01	

Jasper County Veterans Commission

Veterans Outreach Tasks

Tasks

- 1. Conduct in-person outreach to the Jasper County nursing homes. Meet with Vets, and Staff. 1 Facility per week, on a rotational basis.**
- 2. Plan and execute Veterans outreach events with VA Guest speakers, Veteran Organizations, Business leaders (Jobs) and Community leaders. 1-2 Annually.**
- 3. Conduct in-person Veterans coffee's in each County community, inviting local Vets, Veteran organizations, and the County Veterans Commissioners. 1 per Month.**
- 4. Conduct follow-up visits, phone calls to assisted Veterans to see if any further needs or determine additional assistance. 5 per week.**
- 5. Establish communications with Iowa National Guard (Army and Air) Army, Naval, Marine, Coast Guard Reserves, for Outreach to introduce benefits to deployed SM's and Retirees.**
- 6. Conduct an Outreach booth or stand during the Jasper County Fair.**
- 7. -**
- 8. -**