

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioners: Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson, Mike Naber, Matthew Smith

10 March 2021

Minutes

At 1500 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order. The Commissioners in attendance were Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson and Michael Naber. Matthew Smith attended via speaker phone. Also present were Director Kurt Jackson and VSO/Secretary Keith Thorpe.

Approve Minutes: 10 February 2021 Regular Meeting: Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Veterans Resources Outreach: “Spring 2021”:** The Commission will meet Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 1500 at the Annex Building to hold a “workshop meeting” to plan the Spring Event.
2. **The Dental Practice:** On 2 March 2021 Director Jackson presented Dr. Rabedeaux and Dr. Parsons a letter of appreciation for the services The Dental Practice provides for our veterans. Pam Pratt, Editor-in-Chief of the “Newton Daily News”, featured the event in the 5 March 2021 edition of the paper.
3. **Veterans Outreach Tasks:** The Commission will hold a “workshop meeting” at a later date to determine “Outreach Tasks”.

New Business:

1. **February 2021 Director’s Activity Report** was presented to the Commission.
2. **February 2021 Budget/Allocation Fund FY 2020-2021** was presented to the Commission.

Allocation Fund

Marta Ford made a motion and Michael Naber seconded to support the Newton Post 111 American Legion Auxiliary “outreach event” which is being held 27 March 2021 with food and beverages as needed and provide various brochures which address veterans issues.

Yea: Ford, Springer, Naber, Smith. – **Abstain:** Nelson. The motion passed.

Other Allocation potential expenditures: (i.e., iPad for Commission Chairperson; build an independent website for Jasper County Veterans Affairs; rent the Capitol II Theatre in Newton for the movie “No Greater Love” an Army Chaplin looks at combat deployment in Afghanistan; establish a “coffee and comradery” for veterans; provide a venue for veterans to meet with local and state politicians; provide novelty items to hand out to veterans with contact information for our local office such as refrigerator magnets with clips and calendars)

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Announcements: (None)

Public Input: (None)

Confirm next meeting for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1600 Michael Naber made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe