

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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

10 November 2021

Minutes

At 1500 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order. The other commissioners in attendance were Marta Ford and Jerry Nelson. Matt Smith called in on speaker phone. Mike Naber and Director Kurt Jackson were absent. Also, in attendance were VSO/Secretary Keith Thorpe and Alyssa Flood.

Approve Minutes 20 October 2021 Regular Meeting: Marta Ford made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Veterans Outreach Tasks: The commission's workshop will be held later.
2. Veterans Outreach: "PJ's Deli Saturday November 6, 2021" Commissioners Springer, Ford, Nelson and Naber were in attendance. Representative from the VFW, IDVA, and Veterans Cemetery fielded questions. Two veterans attended, one Vietnam in County and one Vietnam Era. They shared their military service and their VA Health Care concerns. Alyssa Flood and VSO Keith Thorpe were also in attendance.
3. Kurt Jackson: The commission discussed the absence of Kurt due to health issues and what affect it has on the day-to-day activities at the office.

New Business:

1. October 2021 Director's Activity Report was presented to the commission.
2. October 2021 Budget was presented to the commission.
3. Allocation Fund / Donation Fund (FY2020 – 2021) was presented to the commission.
 - a. Jerry Nelson made a motion and Matt Smith seconded to purchase a 34" X 81" sign for future outreach events using the "allocation account". Motion passed unanimously.
4. 356.6A: Jails & Municipal Holding Facilities (Duty to inform about Veterans Services):
The commission questioned what are the local county veterans affairs office responsibilities and those of our county jail concerning veteran prisoners.
(i.e., prisoner release when and where, Warren County veterans incarcerated in Jasper County, etc.)

Announcements:

Public Input

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1544 Jerry Nelson made a motion and Matt Smith seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe