

**Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

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

8 December 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, Jerry Nelson and Mike Naber. Matt Smith called in on speaker phone. Director Kurt Jackson and Alyssa Flood were absent. Also, in attendance were VSO/Secretary Keith Thorpe and Jasper County Human Resource Director Dennis Simon.

Approve Minutes 10 November 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 Outreach Tasks: The commission's workshop will be held later.
2. Veterans Outreach: Alyssa and Keith attended the 12 November 2021 Park Center Veterans Appreciation Day Event. Approximately 25 veterans and spouses attended. The program lasted about 30 minutes. Poems were read, music from the five service branches played and a list of Park Center veterans was read. Alyssa and Keith shared with the group that we were only two block away and that we are here to serve them and would be more than willing to visit with them at their residents. It was a great experience!
3. County Jail & Veterans: Susan shared with the commission the following: When a veteran is jailed, they are provided with literature concerning their confinement and their rights. Also, when they are released, they are always provided a phone. Keith shared the following: Our office receives the names of jailed veterans from the Chief Jailer Wendy Hecox. Ms. Hecox also notifies Sara Glenn with Veterans Justice Outreach the names of the jailed veterans. The goal of VJO is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration among veterans.

New Business:

1. November 2021 Director's Activity Report was presented to the commission.
2. November 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 Mike Naber seconded to purchase 200 knit caps from MAXIM for \$6.50 each using the "allocation fund". The motion passed unanimously.
4. Voucher (Food / Provisions): Marta Ford made a motion and seconded by Matthew Smith to end the Food and Provisions Assistance Program using vouchers. Instead of voucher, \$100.00 dollar grocery Cards will be used. The cards are to be labeled "**NO Alcohol, NO Tobacco, NO Lottery**". The motion passed unanimously.
5. Quilts of Valor: Mike Naber made motion and Matthew Smith seconded to donate \$500.00 to the Eastside Quilting Ladies %Judy D'lapico using the "donation fund". The motion passed unanimously.
6. Kurt Jackson: There was no discussion.

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7. **Alyssa Flood**: Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber second to pay the \$30.00 application fee for Alyssa to be Commissioned as a Notary Public. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Public Input

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2021, at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1535 Jerry Nelson made a motion and Matthew Smith seconded to adjourn.  
The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe