

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs
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Commissioners: Fred Chabot, Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Ed Spangenburg, and Susan Springer

9 August 2023

Minutes

At 1500 hours, Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission to order. The other commissioners in attendance were Fred Chabot, Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Ed Spangenburg, and Susan Springer. Also attending the meeting were Administrator Alyssa Wilson and CVSO Keith N. Thorpe.

Approve Minutes: Fred Chabot made a motion and Susan Springer seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs held on 12 July 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. County-Funded Cell Phone:

Administrator Wilson's county-funded Samsung Galaxy cell phone is working now. First billing of \$759.00 was erroneous and not paid. The second billing will show a credit in that amount. The monthly invoices will be paid from the "Maint-Office/Computer Equip" line item in the county budget. The cell phone has the capability to be set on "Hot Spot" and serve ten other devices.

2. By-Laws for the Commission:

Chairperson Nelson asked that preparation of by-laws be on the agenda in November.

3. Jasper County Korean War/Era Veterans:

After a past practice discussion, Fred Chabot made a motion and Marta Ford seconded to approve expenditure of funds for catered HyVee meals for this group at its October, 2023, and April, 2024 meetings. Anticipated cost is \$1,000 per meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Veterans in Crisis Training:

Administrator Wilson will contact Lori Reynolds, LISW Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator for the Central Iowa VA Healthcare System. The commission's intent is for VA - S.A.V.E. training to be held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023. An afternoon meeting would be for emergency response persons and an evening meeting would be for veterans and their families. Susan Springer made a motion to this effect and Jerry Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Green Light Program:

The National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers sponsor this program. They have invited all counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting their buildings green from 6 to 12 November 2023. The consensus of the commission was that Administrator Wilson support County Treasurer Doug Bishop in asking the Board of Supervisors to sponsor this with an appropriate resolution.

New Business:

1. **The July, 2023 Administrator Report** was presented to the commission.
2. **The July, 2023 Expenses, Allocation, Donation, ESFP Reports** were presented to the commission.
3. **Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Fall School:**

The Fall School for county veterans affairs commissioners will take place on Monday, 9 October 2023, at the Altoona Za Ga Zig Shrine building. All five Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commissioners plan to attend. The Fall School for Veterans Affairs Commission staff members will take place 10 through 12 October 2023.

Announcements: None

Public Input: None

Confirm next commission meeting: Wednesday, 13 September 2023, 1500 hours, at the Jasper County Office Building.

At 1615 hours, Marta Ford made a motion and Susan Springer seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Ferdinand J. Chabot, Secretary