

## Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Commissioners: John Billingsley, Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson, Jerome Gunderson

8 February 2017

### Minutes

At 3:00 PM, Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. The commissioners which were in attendance were Marta Ford, Susan Springer and Jerry Nelson. Jerome Gunderson called in on speaker phone. Commissioner John Billingsley was absent. Others in attendance were Kurt Jackson, VSO and Keith Thorpe VA Clerk.

The minutes of the 11 January 2017 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### Flag Cases:

Keith Thorpe displayed the flag case that Iowa Prison Industries furnished. The commissioners present, were impressed with the quality of this flag case. Keith reported that we have approximately 80 flag cases on hand that we have ten flag cases ordered from CSA Woodworking of Newton, Iowa

#### High School Woodshop: (flag cases)

Kurt Jackson shared an email he had received from Derek Bair an Industrial Technology Educator at Newton High School. Marta Ford read the email out loud. Kurt shared some history of this project: “During the Fall of 2015, approximately 30 “used” flag cases which had been collected over the years in the Veterans Affairs Office were delivered to the High School by Kurt for refurbishing.”

Mr. Bair, in his email, expressed a definite interest in completing this project which had been shelved for over a year.

#### Korean Era Veterans Outreach (30 January 2017):

Kurt Jackson reported that that the meal for the Korean Era Veterans which was catered by Hy-Vee cost \$1177.00. The event was very successful. Several veterans have expressed an interest in touring the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

At 3:15 PM, Dennis Simon, Jasper County Human Resource Director joined the meeting.

County Website:

Kurt Jackson stated that our agendas and minutes are now being posted on the county's new web site. Dennis Simon reported that before long our agendas and minutes will be posted in the same manner as that the board of supervisors.

**New Business:**

January Budget:

The January 2017 Budget was presented to the commission.

Grant Fund Uses:

Susan Springer made a motion to grant the Baxter Honor Guard \$750.00. Marta Ford seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Jerry Nelson made a motion to help sponsor WWII fighter pilot Jerry Yellin's visit to the Newton American Legion Post 111 in April 2017. Susan Springer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. A monetary amount will be decided at the March Commission Meeting when more information is available.

February 10, 2017

Kurt will be attending the VACIHCS CVSO experience in Des Moines, Iowa.

April 11- 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Keith and Kurt will be attending Spring School in Des Moines, Iowa.

HIRTA

Kurt will be meeting with HIRTA and Jasper County Rides to discuss a proposal from HIRTA to transport veterans to various facilities.

Adjourned:

At 3:25 PM Jerry Nelson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to go into a closed session to discuss the hiring of a new director. Susan Springer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Kurt Jackson and Keith Thorpe left the meeting.

Confirm 3:00 PM Meeting for March 8, 2017.