

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs
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10 April 2019

At 1500 Commissioner Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs to order. Commissioners Jerry Nelson, Susan Springer, Mike Naber and Fred Dimon were present. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson and Keith Thorpe.

The Minutes of the 13 March 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Marta Ford declared that the minutes stand approved as written

Unfinished Business:

1. 2016 Spring School April 16 - 19: Kurt and Keith will attend. The office will be closed.
2. April 24, 12 – 1 VA Suicide Prevention Training Lunch: Canceled. Due to a lack of response.
3. Commissioner Mike Naber's Term Expires 30 Jun 2019: The commissioners signed a request to have Mike appointed for another term. Kurt Jackson will present this request to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Allocation Fund Report: The next allocated fund expense will be for the Jasper County Vietnam Veterans Dinner on 25 April 2019 at 1730 at the Newton Legion Post 111. There will be a Q&A with the commissioners at this event.

New Business:

1. March 2019 Budget Report: The March 2019 Budget was presented to the Commission.
2. 3rd Quarter Report to the Board of Supervisors: Fred Dimon made a motion to approve Jasper County Veterans Affairs 3rd Quarter Report. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. March 2019 Directors Report: The March 2019 was presented to the commission.
4. Assisting Veterans released from Jail: A discussion ensued concerning what are the responsibilities of the Jasper County Veterans Commission to assist those veterans released from jail. On occasions, veterans are released from jail and they have no money, no transportation and no place to go... Their release can come on any day of the week and at any time of the day. They are notified of their discharge time prior to being released. At discharge time they receive their belongings and are out the door.

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Questions: proof of veteran status; transportation to where and by whom, financial aid to those from another county or state; liabilities incurred by the commission; etc...

The commission concluded that that before any type of memorandum or policy is written, if at all, more information is needed. The commission asked Kurt to visit with Sheriff Halferty, County Attorney Nicholson and with Hirta Public Transit.

5. Jasper County Veterans Alliance Request: Mike Naber made a motion to financially support a bus trip to the Vietnam Veterans Ceremony on 7 May 2019 at the State Capitol Grounds. Jerry Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Mike Naber reminded the commission that 24 April 2019 is Purple Up Day. The month's purpose is to recognize the contribution that the military child makes as their parent or parents serve our nation.
7. Marta Ford announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1553 Fred Dimon made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jerry Nelson. Motion passed.

Keith N. Thorpe