

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs
County Annex Bldg., 115 N 2nd Ave E. Newton, IA 50208
Director: Kurt M. Jackson VSO Keith N. Thorpe
Phone 1-641-792-7993 Fax 1-641-787-1302
Commissioners: Fred Dimon, Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson, Mike Naber

14 August 2019

Minutes

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

1. The Minutes of the 10 July 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Chairmen Fred Dimon stated that the minutes would stand approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

1. Veterans Stand Down Jasper County: Kurt told the commission that he had met with several county entities (i.e. sheriff, police, legal aid, county health, etc.). Everyone was willing to help with the project. The commission discussed the feasibility of this project and what the mission of the Jasper County Veteran Affairs Commissions is to our local veterans. It was a consensus that instead of hosting an event in Jasper County we would arrange transportation for our homeless veterans to the September 2019 Stand Down event in Des Moines. Jerry Nelson made a motion that Kurt advertise, set a date and arrange transportation from Newton to Des Moines for our veterans and that all expenses incurred will be paid from the Allocation Fund. Marta Ford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. July 2019 Budget Report: The July 2019 Budget was presented to the Commission. During the discussion of the July expenses, it was noted that one of the Jasper County Ride drivers had passed away. This driver had the only handicap accessible vehicle capable of transporting veterans in wheelchairs. Kurt will contact the VA Hospital in Des Moines for alternatives for transporting our wheelchair bound Jasper County Veterans.
2. July 2019 Directors Report: The July 2019 was presented to the commission.
3. Veterans Outreach in the Fall: Marta Ford made a motion that we provide the meal for the Korean War/Era Veterans October 28, 2019 meeting. Susan Springer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Nelson proposed a Jasper County Veterans RECON outreach event later this fall. (**R** refreshments; **E** education; **C** contacts; **O** opportunities; **N** navigate) The goal of this event will be to organize a combined outreach to all Veterans of Jasper County. The location will be DMACC. Refreshments will be provide. DMACC's Veterans Service Officer will be guest speaker. All county veteran organizations will be contacted and included in this effort. There will be opportunities for Employers looking for Vets to hire. Local Jasper County Veterans Affairs Director and State level officials will provide information on where to go for help.

4. NACVSO 2019 Fall School October 15, 16 & 17: All five commissioners will be attending on October 15th. Kurt and Keith will be attending October 15, 16 & 17.

(OVER)

Public Input (None)

Fred Dimon announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1540 Mike Naber made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marta Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith N. Thorpe