

**Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

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

8 September 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 Jerry Nelson and Mike Naber. Matt Smith called in on speaker phone. Also, in attendance was VSO/Secretary Keith Thorpe. Commissioner Marta Ford and Director Kurt Jackson were absent.

**Approve Minutes: 11 August 2021 Regular Meeting:** Mike Naber made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Veterans Outreach Tasks:** The commission's workshop scheduled for 15 September 2021 at 1500 in the Annex Building is canceled. This workshop will be rescheduled later.
- 2. Female Veterans Symposium "Bombshell Patriots 24 – 26 September Des Moines:**  
The commission received no response.
- 3. Quilts of Valor:** Matthew Smith made a motion and Mike Naber seconded to donate \$500.00 to the "Quilts of Valor" using funds from the donation account.  
Motion passed unanimously. The donation will be sent in care of Kathy Baldwin, Kellogg, Iowa.

**New Business:**

- 1. August 2021 Director's Activity Report** was presented to the commission.
- 2. August 2021 Budget** was presented to the commission.
- 3. Allocation Fund (FY2020 – 2021):** The \$10,000.00 from the state arrived 9/1/2021.
- 4. 2021 IACCVSO Fall School:** Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Mike Naber and Keith Thorpe will be attending.
- 5. Kurt M. Jackson:** The commission discussed the absence of Kurt due to health issues and what affect it has on the day-to-day activity at the office. Jerry Nelson made a motion and Mike Naber seconded that VSO Keith Thorpe be the "interim" Director until Kurt returns and that his wages be increased to \$20.00 retroactive to 30 August 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Newton Legion Post 111 is hosting a veterans round table 16 September 2021 at 1800 – 2000.

The topic will be "Afghanistan".

**Public Input: (None)**

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1540 Mike Naber made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe