

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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10 February 2021

Minutes

At 1500 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order. The Commissioners in attendance were Marta Ford and Jerry Nelson. Matthew Smith and Michael Naber were absent. Also present were Director Kurt Jackson, VSO/Secretary Keith Thorpe and Newton resident John McMahon.

Approve Minutes: 13 January 2021 Regular Meeting: Marta Ford made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Veterans Resources Outreach: “Spring 2021”:** The Commission is considering a possible virtual “drive-up” event to distribute packets of information on various topics (i.e., health care, pension, etc.). The packet will also include a flyer with information about an upcoming “virtual” event. Possible locations for the county wide virtual event were discussed. It was a consensus of the Commission that a workshop meeting needed to be scheduled to plan and fine tune this Spring Event.
- 2. The Dental Practice:** Because of extenuating circumstances, the Commissioners and Director could not attend the 2 February 2021 delivery of the “letter of appreciation”. However, pizza and beverages were delivered to The Dental Practice by Domino’s for a cost of \$122.62. The Director will coordinate a time and date for the Newton Daily News, The Director and Commissioners to present the Doctors and Staff at The Dental Practice the letter of appreciation for their service to veterans.
- 3. Veterans Outreach Tasks:** The Director and VSO shared printouts with the Commission which were generated by our VA office computer software “VetraSpec”. The printouts reflect how veteran information is recorded. Commissioners Nelson and Smith will present their metrix for assuring tasks our completed at the March 2021 meeting
- 4. Fiscal Year Budget 2021 -2022:** Kurt Jackson will advise the Commission when the final budget has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

New Business:

- 1. January 2021 Director’s Activity Report** was presented to the Commission.
- 2. January 2021 Budget/Allocation Fund FY 2020-2021** was presented to the Commission.

Note: Commissioners are to each bring two ideas to the next meeting for the purpose of utilizing as much of the “allocation fund” as possible. The Director will present quotes to the Commission for (7) iPads and Covers. Also, (150) blue stocking caps will be ordered from Maxim.

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3. Future Location of VA Office: The Director shared with the Commission the layout for the new office which will probably be completed in 2022.

4. Spring School 2021 – April 12 & 13: Marta Ford made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to send Director Jackson and VSO Thorpe to Spring School and that travel expenses, lodging and per diem will be paid for out of the: allocation fund”. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: (None)

Public Input: (None)

John McMahon addressed the commission and stated that he really appreciates what the Commission has done in the past and is currently doing.
(i.e., Advertising, RECON Event 2019, November 2020 Flu Clinic, etc.)

Confirm next meeting for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1600 Jerry Nelson made a motion and Marta Ford seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe