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STORY COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: January 8th, 2020 @ 11:30 AM

Location: **Conference room 010A Story County Human Services Center (lower level)**

Roll Call: Director Brett McLain, Chair Pat Peakin, Nic Briseño Secretary: Amy Rosenberg. Guest Sandra King

1. Call to Order at 11:36 AM
2. Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence for POW/MIA
3. Amy Rosenberg made a motion to accept December minutes, Nic seconds. Minutes approved
4. Certification and approval of claims.
5. Reviewal and approval of directors monthly report.
6. County income eligibility guidelines—In FY 17 we helped 12 veterans with rent, in 18 we helped 6 veterans with rent and so far this year we've helped one veteran with rent. In FY 17 we got 24.2 million dollars coming into Iowa for veterans. 24.9 million came into the state to help veterans in FY 18. Population is going down but dollars coming in are going up. For a single person the max a person can make is \$604 and for a family of 4 it is \$1234 per month. Suggested 10% increase to this maximum. Out of 116 files of people who have come into the VA office, average income for FY18 monthly income was \$1,291. Average for over current income guidelines people were over by \$608. People would be \$538 over proposed income guidelines. In FY 18 we could have helped two additional veterans and FY 19 we could have helped 3 additional veterans. Amy made a proposal to take Story County income guidelines and information from other counties in central Iowa to the board and let them know it is the commissions long term goal to align our income guidelines with the county guidelines but that short term we would accept the 10% increase. Nic seconds, Brett will take all information to the board of supervisors and make the proposal.
7. Social media policy—Facebook.
8. Quarterly report was passed around for signatures.
9. Veterans Day at the Capitol--Meet at the office at 7:30. If commissioners are interested they should let Brett know. Commissioners can drive themselves or drive with Brett and Erin. The program typically starts at 9:30 or 10:00. Chamber could track bills if we were reinterested in that. Sandra will send Brett the presentation so he can see if there are other things we'd like to track to.
10. Veterans Appreciation Event—Think about where we can have this event and which month we'd like it to be. We will discuss this at the next months' meeting.
11. Directors travel to Atlanta for NACVSCO training in June was approved.

Commissioner remarks:

12. No Remarks from Commissioners
13. Next commissioner meeting: February 4th at 11:30 in the Ames office.
14. Amy made a motion to adjourn. Nic seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.