



Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs
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Minutes

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs
Tuesday June 14, 2022
Story County Veterans Affairs @ 1600
126 South Kellogg Suite 001, Conference Room Ames

Roll Call: Director, Brett McLain, Monty Woodward, Vice Chair: Nic Briseño, Secretary: Luke Vance (phone), Amy Rosenberg (phone), Erin Rewerts (phone)

1. **Call to Order:** 1605, Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Guests:** Jennifer (Jen) Radley (present) and Malissa Anderson (not present) are our first point of contact for Veterans in the office. They also enter information into the database.
3. **Meeting Minutes, May 2022:** Nic made motion to approve minutes; Beth seconds. Motion carries.
4. **Certification and approval of claims:** No claims this month.
5. **Director's Monthly Report (Brett):**
 - a. Monthly report – Approved. Signed by members in attendance.
 - b. Quarterly report – Will go to Board.
 - c. USS Iowa Christening - \$75K from General Fund and \$75K from License Plate Fund may be used if Governor approves.

New Business:

1. **The Role of County Veteran Service Officers Assessment:** Brett provided a handout for Commissioners to review/read. Nic will scan for Luke and Amy. If anyone would like to discuss, bring it up at next meeting.
2. **Commissioners Pay sheets:** Timesheets signed by those present. Others need to come to office to sign.
3. **Appointment Recommendation of VA Executive Director FY 23:** Nic made motion to approve minutes; Beth seconds. Motion carries.
4. **Commissioners Training:** District VA is planning to have training. Look for an email from Chris Oliver. Erin will provide an agenda from another District meeting.
5. **Commissioner Appointments update (Monty):** Nic and Luke have been selected to continue for another three-year term. Congratulations!
6. **Federal Poverty Guideline Changes:** Brett informed the Commission of increase in the guidelines. Three options were presented for rent assistance. Commission confirmed their earlier decision to follow new guidelines. If rent assistance projections appear to require more funding, we will reassess our budget and make appropriate requests.

Old Business:

1. **Two parking spaces for Veterans at Admin and Justice Center Buildings (Brett):** All approved. Signs are going up.

Inputs, ideas from the Commission and updates:

1. **Beth:**
 - a. Plan to meet with Rita Case from ISU Veterans Center soon to discuss an event in fall for students.
 - b. Plan to set up an information table at Ames Fitness Center has been delayed until when Iowa State students return.
2. **Brett:** Attending a Home Base Iowa Event on 23 June on Main Street with the Chamber of Commerce. Employers are welcome. 0730 breakfast; 0800 program.

Next meeting Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 4 pm Story County Veterans Affairs

Motion to Adjourn. Beth made motion to adjourn at 1705; Nic seconds. Motion carries.