

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016
Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:02 PM with President Jim Cox presiding and Stephen Walz leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: President Jim Cox, Vice- President Tim Timmer, Treasurer John Davis, and Secretary Steven Kreitzer were present.

Employees: Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake, Renee McGuan and Jill Peacock were present

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion that the August minutes be approved and it was seconded by Donald Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

There is \$4,363.30 currently in the checking account. Donald Jones made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit and it was seconded by Mike Boorsma. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Robert Coulter presented Frank Bierlotzer's flyer of events.

Renee McGuan went over a press release that was done. It was in regards to the great work the office is doing to make sure every veteran feels special.

For the Good of the Commission

None

Superintendent's Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 16 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 18 Veterans transported in 16 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$13,569.27 in monthly benefits and \$62,064.18 in retroactive benefits. Tammy Anderson reported that the VA is working on the backlog of initial claims but neglecting the Notice of Disagreements. The American Legion has filed a suit to this effect trying to bring light to the matter on a national platform. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$30,268.95 Donald Jones seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

- a. Steven Kreitzer reported that the meeting for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall went well. He thanked the commission for their support and showed everyone a sneak peak of the promotional

video created.

New Business:

Tim Timmer reported that the executive board went over estimates for a new vehicle and passed out the winning bid. Gene Ege made the motion to purchase the new vehicle and it was seconded by Mike Boorsma. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Cox reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on October 17th due to the holiday.

Adjourn

Motion by Mike Boorsma to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Donald Jones with no discussion

Meeting closed at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer – Secretary

**DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2016
Community Outreach Building**

Meeting started at 6:00 PM with President Jim Cox presiding.

Attendance was taken with Jim Cox, Tim Timmer, John Davis, Randy Smith, Bob Bend, Steven Kreitzer, and Tammy Anderson present.

Tammy Anderson brought up that the meeting was called because we needed to have keypads on the vehicles so that the drivers could gain access to the vehicle during hours the office was not open. Many of the appointments at the VA hospitals require the drivers to get to our office before we are open. The base model for the Ford Edge is not able to have the keypad installed on it so the SLE model is the one needed. This is going to cost more money to get the SLE but the Brad Manning deal is still the best one out of the offers received.

Randy Smith asked if other makes and models were considered.

Tammy Anderson stated that yes they were but the price would go up for comparable features. The Ford Edges have always been great cars for us. Tim Timmer confirmed.

Randy Smith made the motion that the VAC be authorized to purchase the new vehicle up to \$22,000 which would provide some wiggle room to allow for any other contingencies within reason to be handled without another meeting. This was seconded by Bob Bend and a roll call vote was taken which passed unanimously.

Jim Cox closed the meeting at 6:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer – Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2016
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity	What we helped with	Quantity
Office	100	VA Pension	12
Outstation	30	VA Education	5
Phone	95	VA Healthcare	42
Email	32	VA Compensation	85
Fax	35	VA Other	152

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$13,569.27	\$62,064.18	\$75,633.45
To Date	\$67,598.29	\$422,609.64	\$490,207.93

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran	(Itemized Below)	\$5,768.00
Vehicle Expenses	(Itemized Below)	\$277.75
Salaries & Benefits		\$21,688.49
Training & Meetings		\$1,815.57
Office Expenses		\$639.14
Public Relations		\$80.00
Total		\$30,268.95

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	16	\$5,535.00
Other		
Drivers Per Diem		\$233.00
Total	16	\$5,768.00

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	16	
Transported	18	
Miles	2440	
Fuel (gallon)	121.30	
Fuel Cost		\$240.17
Maintenance		\$37.58
Total		\$277.75

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	100%	\$505,300.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-49%	-\$249,583.41
EXPEDITURES	-6%	-\$30,268.95
BALANCE	45%	\$225,447.64

Restricted Fund Balance **\$542,748.52**



DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month of August 2016
Veterans Assistance / Transportation



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	\$ 3,085.00	9	8
Fairdale			
Genoa			
Hinckley			
Kingston			1
Kirkland			1
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	\$ 700.00	2	
Somonauk	\$ 350.00	1	
Sycamore	\$ 1,400.00	4	6
Waterman			1
Total	\$ 5,535.00	16	18



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations Voting Monday September 12, 2016

		Superintendents Report	Purchase a new vehicle				
Veterans of Foreign Wars							
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Chuck Fish	Y	Y				
	A: Todd Latham						
Post# 2287 DeKalb	D: Travis Petrie						
	A: Michael J. Henning						
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Stephen Walz	Y	Y				
	A: Steve Kreitzer						
Post #8387 Genoa	D: Don Anderson	Y	Y				
	A:						
DeKalb County VietNow	D: John Davis	Y	Y				
	A:						
American Legion							
Post #66 DeKalb	D:Randy Smith	Y	Y				
	A:Dan Gallagher						
Post #99 Sycamore	D:Gene Ege	Y	Y				
	A:Tim Timmer						
Post #181 Sandwich	D: Celeste Latham	Y	Y				
	A: Rick Felstead						
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin						
	A: Herb Holderman						
Post #598 Hinckley	D:						
	A:						
Post #654 Waterman	D. Robert Bend	Y	Y				
	A: James Cox						
Post # 772 Somonauk	D:Roger Wiley						
	A:						
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Dan Gallagher						
	A:						
40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Robert Coulter	Y	Y				
	A: Frank Beierlotzer						
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Donald Jones	Y	Y				
	A: Joe Chavez						
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:Dan Bocklund						
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y	Y				