



OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Commissioners:
Bob Grimes, Chairman
Laurel Degelau
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MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Bob Grimes. Also in attendance were Commissioners Randy Kessler, Laurel Degelau, Director Kevin Huseboe, County Veterans Service Officer Shari Coughenour and Ex-officio member Board of Supervisor Chair Jarret Heil.

Roll Call: Present: Grimes, Kessler, Degelau. Ex-officio member Heil.

Degelau moved to approve regular minutes dated October 8, 2023, second by Kessler. Motion carried 3-0.

Degelau moved to approve the claims, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0. The AED unit @ Cardio Partners was not approved.

Degelau moved to table the AED unit / Cardio Partners invoice, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Report:

- Huseboe updated the commissioners on the progress for the Veterans Memorial for the courthouse square. Fundraising begins.
- Huseboe reported the number of e-files performed, the process of e-filing started mid-August, which is when the e-filing replaced the inefficient faxing of veteran claims. August: 24 efiles, September 60, October 65.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Degelau reported on the commissioner training she attended in Ankeny and discussed the Iowa Code Section 35B governing the Commission. Concerns included: budget, correction of the county website hours, outreach expenditures, and inquired how many veterans are in our community, how many were not being served, and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance to be placed on the agenda.. The commissioner also asked about metrics, how many the office saw each month. Huseboe explained the software counts of forms printed vary per veteran claim, and the number of claims is better based on the number of e-files. Degelau also asked a Press Release be released encouraging veterans to apply for veteran and homestead exemption. (Post note: this press release was issued 11/8/2023, and county IT staff were contacted to change the office hours on the website)

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huseboe,
Director