



OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Commissioners:
Bob Grimes, Chairman
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MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – December 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairman Bob Grimes. Also in attendance were Commissioners Randy Kessler, Laurel Degelau, Executive 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. Absent for roll but arriving shortly thereafter, Ex-officio member Heil. Degelau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kessler moved to approve the claims, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0.

The draft version of the bylaws was presented for review and consideration to be adopted at a future meeting. The commissioners discussed the Mission Statement. Kessler suggested "The Mission of the Marshall County Veteran Affairs Commission is to assist all Veterans in Marshall County and other veterans to file VA disability claims." County Attorney Gaffney reviewed the bylaws and his comments have been incorporated in the first draft.

FY24-25 Budget: Following discussion of the current year expenditures, Grimes moved to approve the FY24-25 budget recommendations with expenditure increases in the office supplies to cover paper costs and in the copier equipment line to cover lease increases, second by Kessler. Motion carried 3-0.

Kessler moved to remove the tabled item for discussion, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0. Kessler moved to pay and donate an AED to the American Legion, funded by Outreach. Motion carried 2-1, Degelau dissenting. Kessler reported he inquired to several sources and found there was no funding available.

Director Report: Huseboe updated the commissioners on the progress for the Veterans Memorial for the courthouse square.

Grassley's office conducted a survey of 5 VA county offices and found 2/5 offices were actively helping veterans file disability claims. Grassley's team will be in Marshalltown January 10, 2024, to meet with our Commission at 10:00 am. The January Commission meeting will be held at 11:00 following the Grassley Team meeting.

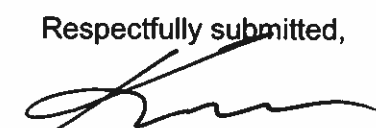
Commissioners Report: Commissioners requested statistics, number of veterans served and types of reports filed. Vetraspec has some reporting but requires manipulation to deliver the summary detail. Summary included as part of these minutes from January – November 2023.

Chair Grimes asked that questions be asked in advance of the meeting to enable the Executive Director time to review and report answers.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Huseboe,
Executive Director



<u>Month</u>	<u>New Veterans Added</u>	MARSHALL	TAMA	HARDIN	GRUNDY	JASPER	POWE-SHIEK	STORY	POLK	HAMILTON	LINN	BLACK HAWK	POTTAWATTAMIE	MARION	KOSSUTH	MAHASKA
2023-01 JAN	7	6													1	
2023-02 FEB	9	7	1						1							
2023-03 MAR	15	7	3	1	1	2		1								
2023-04 APR	9	8							1							
2023-05 MAY	5	3	1									1				
2023-06 JUN	18	12	5		1											
2023-07 JUL	11	7	1	1				2								
2023-08 AUG	23	16	4							1			1	1		
2023-09 SEP	13	7	3		1		1									1
2023-10 OCT	12	7	2						2		1					
2023-11 NOV	14	11	3													
2023-12 DEC																
TOTAL	136	91	23	2	3	2	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

