

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014
Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:07 with Board President Jim Cox presiding and Tammy Anderson leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Employees: Superintendent Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake and Luz Maria Gilkey were present

Guest: None

Meeting Minutes:

Donald Jones made the motion that the August minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Mike Boorsma. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

John Davis stated that the balance was \$3,511. There is \$1,390 currently in doll house funds and he has deposits of \$580 to make tomorrow. The rest of the funds are from dues and donations. Mike Boorsma made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and it was seconded by Donald Jones. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment:

George Murphy – reported that when they destroy the old flags and had the Boy Scouts cut out the stars in order to honor every veteran that helped. They received a letter that this is actually desiccating the flag and that it needs to be burned as intact as possible.

For the Good of the Commission

None

Superintendents Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 39 veterans with food, 34 with shelter, and 34 with utilities. There were 33 veterans transported in 22 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$9,861.45 in monthly benefits and \$73,757.64 in retroactive benefits. The commission did purchase a new vehicle which is the main reason for the high expenses and also had high office expenses due to our annual cost to be part of the county's asset replacement plan. The monthly bills totaled \$75,545.57 and Jim Cox asked if there was a motion to pay the bills. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the superintendent's report and pay the bills and Donald Jones seconded. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Frank Beierlotzer reported on the events he helped to plan for the coming months. They were posted to our website.

Old Business

Doll House Progress – 95 Tickets to sell

Website – Just a reminder to all the veterans' organizations that they can post events on our website. All they have to do is get Steven Kreitzer the information on the site.

Vehicle Purchase – The Commission purchased a new 2014 Ford Edge that is blue.

Luz Gilkey reminded us that the Mobile Medical Unit will be in Sandwich on the third Thursday of every month.

New Business

Tammy Anderson discussed the current issues with the Veterans' Assistance Program. If our Veterans Assistance program continues the way it has been we will be approximately \$25,000 over budget for that line item. The executive board met before the general meeting to discuss options on how to quell those cost. It was voted on and unanimously passed in the executive board meeting that the Aldi certificates be immediately discontinued. There are many other programs out there that help with food like the local food pantries, link cards, ect. She also stated that there will possibly be more changes in the near future.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Boorsma with no discussion

Meeting closed at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	51
Outstation	4
Phone	119
VA Pension	6
VA Education	9
VA Healthcare	19
VA Compensation	24
VA Other	45

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$9,861.45	\$73,757.64	\$83,619.09
To Date	\$79,887.98	\$696,211.09	\$776,099.07

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$16,554.92
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$29,096.05
Salaries & Benefits	\$26,759.74
Training & Meetings	\$210.00
Office Expenses	\$2,835.40
Public Relations	\$114.46
Total	\$75,570.57

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Food	39	\$2,625.00
Shelter	34	\$11,200.00
Utilities	35	\$1,949.92
Other (Remaining Aldi)		\$375.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$405.00
Total	108	\$16,554.92

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	22	
Transported	33	
Miles	3918	
Fuel (gallon)	169.30	
Fuel Cost		\$565.30
Maintenance		\$28,530.75
Total		\$29,096.05

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2014 BUDGET	100%	\$536,600.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-55%	-\$295,473.76
EXPEDITURES	-14%	-\$75,570.57
BALANCE	31%	\$165,555.67

Restricted Fund Balance \$536,274.00



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
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VETERANS ASSISTANCE / TRANSPORTATION**



Towns	Shelter		Utilities		Food		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland	\$ 900.00	2	\$ 309.08	6	\$ 175.00	2	0
DeKalb	\$ 5,750.00	16	\$ 605.73	11	\$ 1,375.00	21	19
Fairdale	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
Genoa	\$ 250.00	1	109.93	3	\$ 275.00	3	4
Hinckley	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 80.00	1	\$ 50.00	1	0
Kingston	\$ 450.00	1	\$ -	0	\$ 100.00	1	0
Kirkland	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
Malta	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 35.00	1	\$ 50.00	1	2
Sandwich	\$ 1,050.00	3	\$ 160.00	3	\$ 100.00	1	0
Shabbona	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 74.15	1	\$ 50.00	1	0
Somonauk	\$ 500.00	2	\$ 226.03	3	\$ 100.00	2	0
Sycamore	\$ 1,550.00	6	280.00	5	\$ 350.00	6	7
Waterman	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	1
Total	\$ 11,200.00	34	\$ 1,879.92	34	\$ 2,625.00	39	33



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

Voting Monday September 8, 2014

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