

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 with Board Vice President presiding and Herbert Holderman leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: Vice-President Don Anderson, Secretary Steven Kreitzer and Treasurer John Davis were present.
Employees: Superintendent Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake and Luz Maria Gilkey were present
Guest: Misty Haji-Sheikh, DeKalb County Health and Human Services Board Chair

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion that the December minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Don Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

John Davis stated that the balance was \$4,356. This balance is the same as last month's report even though there were deposits of \$700. The funds were earmarked to go to needy Veteran families in DeKalb County for Christmas. Checks were written to the families and all checks were cashed. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Misty Haji-Sheikh stated that as the new Public Health Committee Chair and she wanted to go meet each of the organizations she is over to get a better understanding of what they do. If there is anything she can do to help to please let her know and she looks forward to Tammy Anderson's report next year on how the office has done.

For the Good of the Commission

Tammy Anderson explained that many Veterans are getting the Veterans Choice Card in the mail even though they are not eligible. If a veteran is closer than 40 miles to a VA clinic or hospital they are not eligible and each veteran that gets a card should call the number on it to make sure they are eligible. They may also be eligible if they have an appointment with the VA that is more than 30 days out.

Tammy Anderson also brought up that the DeKalb Library is working on getting a grant to expand their video archive of Veteran's stories. She stated that if a veteran wanted to participate in this program she would help to make sure things went smoothly. It was brought up that what if a veterans telling their story and it brings back all of those feelings and they have a PTSD moment. Will there be a counselor available to talk with the veteran at that time? Tammy stated that is why she is trying to be in the middle to make sure things go well.

Superintendents Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 32 with shelter, and 33 with utilities. There were 17 veterans transported in 13 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$7,120.76 in monthly benefits and \$67,812.22 in retroactive benefits. The monthly bills totaled \$35,868.07 and Don Anderson 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 Don Jones seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mike Boorsma asked if the funds that were made from the Doll House Sale had been earmarked for a program or not. Steven Kreitzer stated that he was sure that it had been voted on before and would go back through the minutes to locate what they were supposed to be used for.

Steven Skopek asked if the Mobil Medical Unit from Hines could come on the weekend as many of the younger veterans can't make it there during the day as they are working. Tammy Anderson thought that they only did Sundays but would check into the possibility.

Adjourn

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

Meeting closed at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



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



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	47
Outstation	3
Phone	71
VA Pension	13
VA Education	5
VA Healthcare	11
VA Compensation	34
VA Other	27

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$7,120.76	\$67,812.22	\$74,932.98
To Date	\$109,224.20	\$908,118.41	\$1,017,342.61

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$11,206.63
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$468.05
Salaries & Benefits	\$22,225.46
Training & Meetings	\$80.00
Office Expenses	\$1,075.78
Public Relations	\$812.15
Total	\$35,868.07

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	32	\$9,350.00
Utilities	33	\$1,658.63
Other	0	\$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$198.00
Total	65	\$11,206.63

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	13	
Transported	17	
Miles	2669	
Fuel (gallon)	175.30	
Fuel Cost		\$468.05
Maintenance		\$0.00
Total		\$468.05

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2014 BUDGET	100%	\$536,600.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-88%	-\$471,056.43
EXPEDITURES	-7%	-\$35,868.07
BALANCE	6%	\$29,675.50

Restricted Fund Balance **\$536,274.00**



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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014
VETERANS ASSISTANCE / TRANSPORTATION



Towns	Shelter		Utilities		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
DeKalb	\$ 5,350.00	18	\$ 863.49	16	6
Fairdale					0
Genoa			\$ 122.81	3	6
Hinckley	\$ 500.00	2	\$ 121.70	2	2
Kingston			\$ -	0	0
Kirckland					1
Malta					0
Sandwich	\$ 1,150.00	3	\$ 222.89	4	0
Shabbona					0
Somonauk	\$ 500.00	2	\$ 115.00	2	0
Sycamore	\$ 1,850.00	7	\$ 212.74	6	2
Total	\$ 9,350.00	32	\$ 1,658.63	33	17



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

Voting Monday January 12, 2015

Veterans of Foreign Wars		Superintendents Report	Treasurers Report				
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Stefan Skopek	Y	Y				
	A: Tod 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:Tim Timmer						
	A:Gene Ege	Y	Y				
Post #181 Sandwich	D: George Murphy	Y	Y				
	A: Rick Felstead						
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin	Y	Y				
	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: Frank Beierlotzer						
	A: Robert Coulter						
Warne Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Donald Jones	Y	Y				
	A: Joe Chavez						
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:Steve Marberry						
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y	Y				