

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2015

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 with Board President Jim Cox presiding and Robert Coulter leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: President Jim Cox, 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: County Administrator Gary Hanson and County Finance Director Pete Stefan

Agenda:

President, Jim Cox, asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda for the meeting. This motion was made by Mike Boorsma and seconded by Don Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

Stephen Walz made the motion that the May minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Tim Timmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

John Davis reported that there was \$5,063.30 in the checking account. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the Treasurers Report subject to audit and it was seconded by Don Jones.

Public Comment:

None

For the Good of the Commission

Gary Hanson Q & A – Don Anderson asked about all the county revenues and why the county revenue is going up while the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) is going down. Gary Hanson stated the EAV is what the referendum was passed to go off of. This is based off of the home prices in the county where the other tax revenue for the county is not. Mr. Hanson's explanation cleared up most of the questions. There was also a drafted worksheet given that explained the different values.

Superintendent's Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 20 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 25 Veterans transported in 19 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$10,049.18 in monthly benefits and \$51,959.03 in retroactive benefits. Tammy Anderson also explained that next month's bills are going to be higher due to the annual training expenses and annual county service fees. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the minutes and Don Jones seconded it.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Reports from Veterans Service Officer training - There were many interesting topics discussed about changes and updates with the VA. Some of them are as follows:

- 1) PTSD/MST cases are being encouraged by the VA to be resubmitted due to improper training of the claims agents.
- 2) Many new precedent setting cases came out for the office to use in fighting the VA.
- 3) The VA now has created and soon will be able to work with many of the apps on your phone to provide better care.
- 4) VA has been instructed to redefine how they consider blue and brown water navy in relation to Agent Orange exposure.

Adjourn

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

Meeting closed at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

Voting Monday June 8, 2015

		Superintendents Report				
Veterans of Foreign Wars						
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Stefan Skopek	Y				
	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 Waterman	D. Robert Bend					
	A: James Cox	Y				
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	Y				
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Donald Jones	Y				
	A: Joe Chavez					
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:Steve Marberry					
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y				



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	61
Outstation	7
Phone	98
VA Pension	17
VA Education	4
VA Healthcare	13
VA Compensation	48
VA Other	67

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$10,049.18	\$51,959.03	\$62,008.21
To Date	\$67,066.76	\$754,995.96	\$822,062.72

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran	(Itemized Below)	\$5,717.00
Vehicle Expenses	(Itemized Below)	\$312.36
Salaries & Benefits		\$20,915.04
Training & Meetings		\$392.70
Office Expenses		\$583.15
Public Relations		\$0.00
Total		\$27,920.25

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter (2 Canceled checkes \$600)	20	\$5,450.00
Other	0	\$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$267.00
Total	20	\$5,717.00

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	19	
Transported	25	
Miles	3442	
Fuel (gallon)		
Fuel Cost		\$312.36
Maintenance		
Total		\$312.36

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2015 BUDGET	100%	\$505,300.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-27%	-\$134,996.99
EXPEDITURES	-6%	-\$27,920.25
BALANCE	68%	\$342,382.76

Restricted Fund Balance	\$536,273.94
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DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month of May 2015
Veterans Assistance / Transportation



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	\$ 3,950.00	13	14
Fairdale			
Genoa			1
Hinckley			
Kingston			1
Kirckland			
Malta			1
Sandwich			
Shabbona			
Somonauk	\$ 900.00	3	
Sycamore	\$ 1,200.00	4	8
Waterman			
Total	\$ 6,050.00	20	25