

# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2015

## Community Outreach Building

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

Board members: President Jim Cox, Vice-President Don Anderson, and Secretary Steven Kreitzer were present.  
Employees: Superintendent Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake, Luz Maria Gilkey, and Renee McGuan were present

### **Meeting Minutes:**

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

### **Treasurers Report:**

None

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **For the Good of the Commission**

Bob Bend brought up that it may be good to send out a blanket email to the delegates and alternates the Thursday before the meeting to remind them. General consensus was that this was a good idea.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 22 veterans and their families with shelter. There were 26 veterans transported in 22 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$23,268.59 in monthly benefits and \$342,564.63 in retroactive benefits. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the minutes and Don Jones seconded it.

### **Committee Reports:**

None

### **Old Business:**

Jim Cox brought up that no funds were disbursed to any of the Veteran victims of the Fairdale tornado as they never got back to the office.

Tammy Anderson talked about the new law allowing a Veteran to put Veteran on their driver's license. She stated that this requires you to get a certified DD-214 to turn in to the DMV who will then give it to IDVA to verify again. It is the concern that the IDVA is going to keep the DD-214's on file and use them to cold call Veteran's causing issues with their ratings or claim.

**New Business:**

George Murphy got another survey from the Veterans Health administration asking question that they already have on file. It was the consensus that it was everyone's individual decision to fill it out but most were not going to.

Don Anderson brought up the county budget cuts next year and that it seemed as though the county was trying to take the money from the Veterans to fund other county programs. Tammy Anderson then explained that they are asking all department heads to cut 10% out of their budget and that the Veterans Assistance budget has remained constant over the years. Don Anderson had further questions and so Tammy Anderson was going to see if the County Administrator Gary Hansen or the County Finance Director Pete Stefan would come and discuss some of the budget constraints.

Tammy Anderson stated that we got a check from the Sycamore Car Show for \$500 and she was going to give it to John Davis, Treasurer, to put in the boards account to help Veterans.

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting closed at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



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



**VA COUNSELING**

	Quantity
Office	68
Outstation	3
Phone	103
VA Pension	13
VA Education	4
VA Healthcare	25
VA Compensation	48
VA Other	113

**VA AWARDANCE**

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$23,268.59	\$342,564.63	\$365,833.22
To Date	\$57,017.58	\$703,036.93	\$760,054.51

**EXPENDITURES**

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$6,969.00
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$379.62
Salaries & Benefits	\$20,998.15
Training & Meetings	\$866.58
Office Expenses	\$453.26
Public Relations	\$255.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,921.61</b>

**DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN**

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	22	\$6,650.00
Other		
Drivers Per Diem		\$319.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$6,969.00</b>

**VEHICLE EXPENSES**

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	22	
Transported	26	
Miles	4594	
Fuel (gallon)	199.80	
Fuel Cost		\$379.62
Maintenance		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$379.62</b>

**SUMMARY**

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$505,300.00</b>
<b>PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>-\$105,075.38</b>
<b>EXPEDITURES</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-\$29,921.61</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>\$370,303.01</b>

<b>Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$536,273.94</b>
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**DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission**  
**Report for the month of April 2015**  
**Veterans Assistance / Transportation**



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	\$ 4,200.00	14	15
Fairdale			
Genoa			1
Hinckley			
Kingston	\$ 350.00	1	1
Kirckland			
Malta			2
Sandwich			
Shabbona	\$ 300.00	1	
Somonauk	\$ 600.00	2	
Sycamore	\$ 1,200.00	4	7
Waterman			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,650.00</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>



# DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

## Voting Monday May 11, 2015

		Superintendents Report				
<b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b>						
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:					
<b>DeKalb County VietNow</b>						
	D: John Davis					
	A:					
<b>American Legion</b>						
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	Y				
	A: James Cox					
Post # 772 Somonauk	D:Roger Wiley					
	A:					
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Dan Gallagher					
	A:					
<b>40 et 8 Voiture 207</b>						
	D: Frank Beierlotzer					
	A: Robert Coulter					
<b>Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County</b>						
	D: Donald Jones	Y				
	A: Joe Chavez					
<b>AmVets Post #90 DeKalb</b>						
	D:Steve Marberry					
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y				