

# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016

## Community Outreach Building

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

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

Employees: Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey, Linda Drake, Timothy Stubinger, Renee McGuan and Jill Peacock were present

**Guests:** John Schmarje – DeKalb County Board

David Reo – AMVETS Post 90

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Gene Ege made the motion for approval of the November minutes and Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurers Report:**

No report – John Davis not present.

### **Public Comment:**

None

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

Renee McGuan reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Vietnam pins that are available for Vietnam War Veterans

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

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 16 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 27 Veterans transported in 21 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$8,861.00 in monthly benefits and \$82,326.00 in retroactive benefits. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$31,611.84, Donald Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call of votes. Restricted Fund Balance \$619,300.79

### **Committee Reports:**

Frank Beierlotzer passed out a handout of upcoming events in the community

### **Old Business:**

Steven Kreitzer reported that the meeting for The Wall That Heals went well. We need to call it The Wall That Heals not The Vietnam Memorial Wall. We have done an email blast to Sycamore, Genoa, Sandwich and DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Members. A request was made to order size 4x for Wall T-shirts.

### **New Business:**

Introduction of the new hire Timothy Stubinger

Luz Maria Gilkey reminded Delegates/Alternates to use Information Form 2017 for Veteran Organization Events

Nominations for Commission Elected Positions from last month were reiterated as ballots were passed out.

- 1) President – Bob Bend was nominated by Jim Cox and he accepted
- 2) Vice President – Celeste Latham was nominated by Tim Timmer and she accepted
- 3) Treasurer – John Davis was nominated by Mike Boorsma and he accepted
- 4) Secretary – Luz Maria Gilkey was nominated by Steven Kreitzer and she accepted
- 5) Director – Jim Cox was nominated by Bob Bend and he accepted
- 6) Director 2 – Randy Smith’s position is not up for election

New Nominations were then called for.

1. Mike Boorsma made nominations for several positions - all nominees declined.
2. Vice President – Mike Boorsma was nominated by David Reo and he accepted

Don Anderson asked that there be one unanimous ballot cast for all non-contested positions and Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the contested position of Vice President, a silent ballot of all represented organizations was made. Celeste Latham was selected for the 2017 Vice President position.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Donald Jones with no opposition.

Meeting closed at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted – Luz Maria Gilkey – Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016  
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



**VA COUNSELING**

Communication	Quantity		
Telephone	50	Total Employee Activity	676
Office Visits	49		
Outreach/Home Visits	4		
Emails	19		
Fax/Mail	17		
Other	176		
<b>Total Employee Communications</b>	<b>315</b>		

**VA AWARDANCE**

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$12,108.00	\$474,950.00	\$487,058.00
To Date	\$98,154.02	\$1,025,942.10	\$1,124,096.12

**EXPENDITURES**

Direct Assistance to Veteran	(Itemized Below)	\$6,964.00
Vehicle Expenses	(Itemized Below)	\$866.83
Salaries & Benefits		\$35,870.29
Training & Meetings		\$1,282.45
Office Expenses		\$511.81
Public Relations		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$45,495.38</b>

**DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN**

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter		\$5,610.00
Other	(CDL-DeKalb)	\$1,000.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$354.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$6,964.00</b>

**VEHICLE EXPENSES**

	Quantity	Amount
Trips		14
Transported		18
Miles		4002
Fuel (gallon)		166
Fuel Cost		\$295.48
Maintenance	(\$500 Deductible)	\$571.35
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$866.83</b>

**SUMMARY**

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$520,400.00</b>
<b>PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-79%</b>	<b>-\$409,391.90</b>
<b>EXPEDITURES</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-\$45,495.38</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>\$65,512.72</b>

**Restricted Fund Balance** **\$619,300.79**



DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission  
Report for the month of December 2016  
Veterans Assistance / Transportation



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	\$ 4,160.00	10	8
Fairdale			
Genoa			
Hinckley	\$ 350.00	1	4
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	\$ 350.00	1	
Somonauk	\$ 350.00	1	
Sycamore	\$ 1,400.00	4	5
Waterman			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,610.00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

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**Saturday, January 21st**

**10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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