

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2016  
Community Outreach Building

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

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

Employees: Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake, Luz Gilkey, and Renee McGuan were present

**Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Treasurers Report:**

There is \$4,363.30 currently in the checking account. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit and it was seconded by Donald Jones. Motion passed unanimously with one abstain.

**Public Comment:**

Mike Boorsma asked if we had quorum and Jim Cox responded that we did. Quorum is 1/3 of all the veterans' organizations in DeKalb County meaning we have to have 6 of the 16 veteran's organizations to conduct a meeting.

Renee McGuan went over the Sycamore Court House Vigil flyer. This is an amazing event if you can participate and she thought it was their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**For the Good of the Commission**

Tammy Anderson went over and read the change to the Military Assistance Act. She stated that instead of the act requiring all the veterans' organizations to participate that we only had to have the majority of the veterans' organizations participate in order to be in accordance with the law. There was much discussion as to how this affects us and in the end it only helps us and what we do.

Jim Cox brought up that it may be a good idea to pay for Tammy's membership to AMVETS as no one in the office is cross accredited with them. Tammy Anderson elaborated that she is cross accredited with many organizations including but not limited to The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America. These cross accreditations help the office to service our veterans in a timelier manner. There have been a number of new clients coming into our office with the AMVETS representation and if she was a member then she could get the accreditation and help as soon as they came in. Mike Boorsma asked why not just do a life membership then as it is only \$250. Don Anderson asked if we could do the membership for the office instead of an individual so the office never loses the accreditation. Lastly, it was suggested to talk with Randy Smith to see if AMVETS could help. Tammy Anderson stated she would find out more information and bring it to the next meeting.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 19 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 25 Veterans transported in 18 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$8,866.20 in monthly benefits and \$43,440.75 in retroactive benefits. Don Anderson asked that the report contain more actual numbers instead of just percentages. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$49,619.57 Donald Jones seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously with one abstain.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

- a. Steven Kreitzer reported that the meeting for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall went well. He thanked the commission for their support and showed everyone the website that is up and running. It is encouraged that everyone share the site to start generating interest from the public.

**New Business:**

Mobile Medial Unit – Luz Gilkey reported that the office has no control over the mobile medical unit but that she notifies everyone as soon as she knows if and when it will not be at the event. She also handed out the Director of Hines mailing address as she encouraged everyone to write him letters explaining what an asset the Mobile Medical Unit is as there is talk of them cutting the program.

Renee McGuan brought up that the office has the new 2017 calendars so for each delegate to bring some back to their respective organizations to hand out.

**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 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016  
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



**VA COUNSELING**

	Quantity	What we helped with	Quantity
Office	83	VA Pension	11
Outstation	5	VA Education	4
Phone	97	VA Healthcare	32
Email	8	VA Compensation	62
Fax	74	VA Other	177

**VA AWARDANCE**

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$8,866.20	\$43,440.75	\$52,306.95
To Date	\$76,464.49	\$466,050.39	\$542,514.88

**EXPENDITURES**

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$6,425.00
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$29,689.18
Salaries & Benefits	\$21,642.10
Training & Meetings	-\$698.88
Office Expenses	\$1,532.25
Public Relations	-\$170.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,419.57</b>

**DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN**

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	19	\$6,185.00
Other		\$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$6,425.00</b>

**VEHICLE EXPENSES**

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	18	
Transported	25	
Miles	4349	
Fuel (gallon)	122.20	
Fuel Cost		\$210.18
Maintenance		\$0.00
Vehicle Purchase		\$29,479.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,689.18</b>

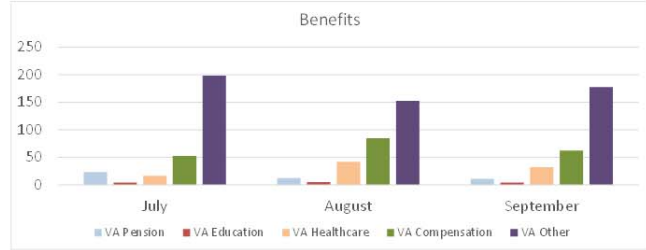
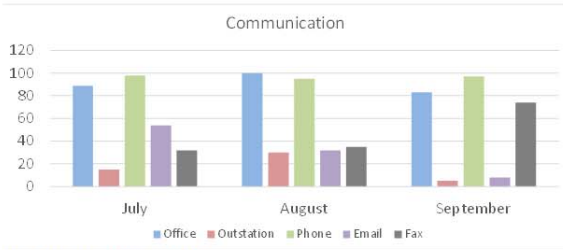
**SUMMARY**

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$520,400.00</b>
<b>PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-55%</b>	<b>-\$287,853.30</b>
<b>EXPEDITURES</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-\$58,419.57</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>\$174,127.13</b>

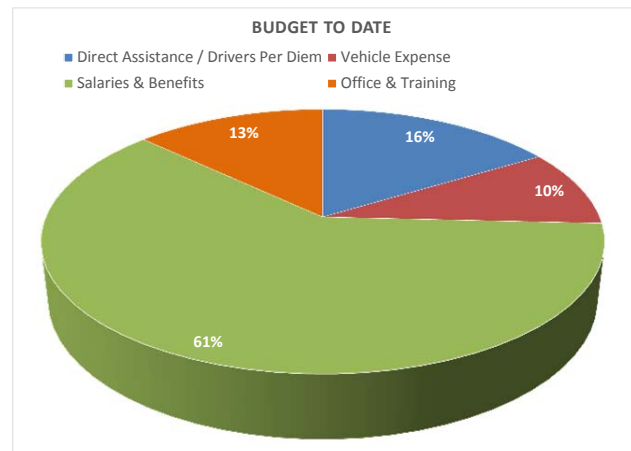
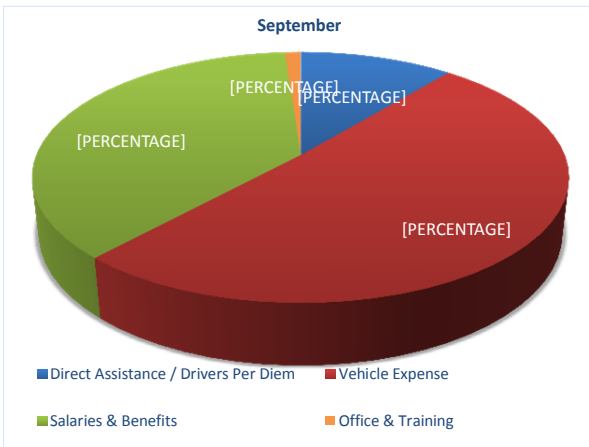
**Restricted Fund Balance** **\$542,748.52**



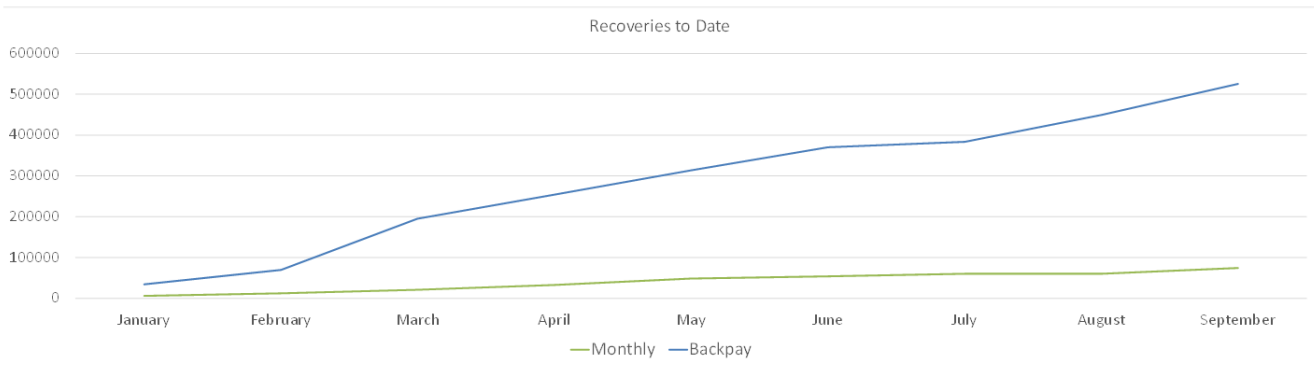
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**RECOVERIES**



**SUMMARY**

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
<b>BUDGET</b>	100%	\$505,300.00
<b>PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES</b>	-55%	-\$287,853.30
<b>EXPEDITURES</b>	-11%	-\$58,419.57
<b>BALANCE</b>	33%	\$159,027.13

Restricted Fund Balance

\$542,748.52



# DeKalb County Veterans Organizations Voting Monday October 17, 2016

		Superintendents Report				
<b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b>						
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Chuck Fish	Y				
	A: Todd Latham					
Post# 2287 DeKalb	D: Travis Petrie					
	A: Michael J. Henning					
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Stephen Walz					
	A: Steve Kreitzer	Abstain				
Post #8387 Genoa	D: Don Anderson	Y				
	A:					
DeKalb County VietNow	D: John Davis	Y				
	A:					
<b>American Legion</b>						
Post #66 DeKalb	D:Randy Smith					
	A:Dan Gallagher					
Post #99 Sycamore	D:Gene Ege					
	A:Tim Timmer	Y				
Post #181 Sandwich	D: Celeste Latham	Y				
	A: Rick Felstead					
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin					
	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:					
40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Robert Coulter					
	A: Frank Beierlotzer					
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Donald Jones	Y				
	A: Joe Chavez					
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:Dan Bocklund					
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y				