

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
June 15, 2022

The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. Members present were:

Greg Bell
Stephen Wheeler
Bill VanWaes
Mike Male

Robin Housley absent on work travel.

Minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting were read. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to accept, Commissioner Van Waes seconded. Approved by all present.

June reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: Grave markers were discussed. We still have yet to get the grave markers that were ordered in March. The Administrator asked the Commission to decide what to do in the future as more markers will need to be purchased in July. Discussion was held. Commissioner Wheeler motioned and Commissioner Van Waes seconded that starting in July when new markers are purchased it will be the new 3 inch, bronze medallion style with a lug for the flag. This will save \$10.90 per marker combination and they won't get stolen or damaged from the lawn care. All those present voted unanimously.

Commissioner appointments for Robin Housley and Mike Male were discussed. Last month they both stated they would like to continue to serve. Motion made by Commissioner Van Waes, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler and confirmed by Commissioner Bell to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support and request of their re-appointments. Commissioner Male abstained.

New Business: Allocation funds were discussed. The Administrator showed the Commission approximately what was left in the allocation funds. The county purchased a new computer system for the office out of the data processing budget. Since we don't have specific items we need to purchase with the left over money would the Commission approve of splitting the cost of the computer?

Commissioner Van Waes stated that it has already been purchased, why ask now as it seems I already spent the money? The Administrator stated that currently the county funds are paying for the system, however since the items already approved if money allowed to be purchased is over what we have left, the Administrator felt this was a better use than frivolously spending the remaining

funds. The VA office funds were not budgeted to purchase the computer, the general county budget was. We have used these allocation funds in the past to purchase upgraded computer equipment. The office is not bound to offer any funds for this purchase, and none have been used. The invoice hasn't even been received. There is no commitment to offer the remaining funds, however it is one of the approved uses under the allocation and a good use of the money.

Motion made by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner Male to use whatever funds we have left to assist in the purchase of the computer system. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on July 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Van Waes, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler. Motion carried to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator