

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
July 13, 2022

The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the small meeting room. Members present were:

Greg Bell
Bill VanWaes
Mike Male

Robin Housley absent, family death.
Stephen Wheeler absent, work conflict.

Minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting were read. Commissioner Male made the motion to accept, Commissioner Van Waes seconded. Approved by all present.

July reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: The Board of Supervisors re-appointed Robin Housley and Mike Male for another term of 3 years.

The Administrator shared a final breakdown of how the 21-22 allocation funds were used.

New Business: The state allocation for 21-22 was shared with the Commission. This report is due July 20, 2022 and has already been accepted by the state. We are now scheduled to receive our next year's funding of \$10,000.

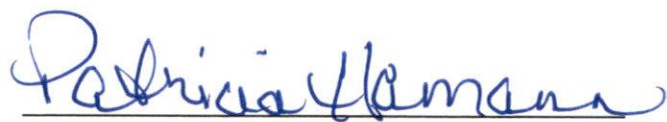
The 2021 GDx was shared with the Commission. The numbers for medical and education dropped over \$400,000, but in the end the compensation and pension numbers still increased. We still lost 28 Veterans, but that number is off as there are at least 8 new to the county Veterans that have moved in. The Administrator reminded the Commission that these numbers only represent the Veterans receiving any of the specified funds, this does not represent the Veterans/Spouses/Dependents that have yet to seek VA benefits.

The Administrator informed the Commission that VetraSpec, our case management software has been bought out by MicroPact. This is the software we left as it was not user friendly. While at the National Conference, the Administrator was able to talk to a different software company that the office was interested in 10 years ago however at that time the software was \$3,000. Now their price is the same as we currently pay and migration of our files would be free.

The Administrator did have a remote overview and is able to have a 90 day trial. Contact with our current software company has been made and a request for the data so that it can be converted has been made so that "onboarding" to the other software for trial can be done. This will also expedite the process if the software is good.

The issue is MicroPact announced it will stop supporting the VetraSpec program, which in turn means that forms will not be updated and that would create an issue of submitting claim information on outdated forms. Discussion was held, the Commission agrees that this is the way to go.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on August 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Van Waes, seconded by Commissioner Male. Motion carried to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.



Patricia Hamann, Administrator