

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
March 8, 2023

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

Robin Housley
Mike Male
Greg Bell
Stephen Wheeler
Bill VanWaes - absent

Minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting were read. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to accept, Commissioner Housley seconded. Approved by all present.

March reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: The Administrator updated the Commission on the progress of Chapter 35 changes. It was approved in the House of Representatives 99-0, it has also passed the sub-committee and committee of Veterans Affairs on the Senate side. It is eligible for debate/vote on the Senate side now. If it passes the Senate, it will go to the Governor for signature.


New business: The Administrator updated the Commission about the FY23-24 budget. It has not been approved yet as the BOS have to redo valuations for property for FY 22/23 due to legislative changes. Once they have a clear picture of the ending balance from those changes they will be able to make decisions regarding county department budgets.

The Administrator asked the Commissioners to find out about their grave flags needs for this year. The grave markers are still running behind. They couldn't give a time frame as to when they will arrive.

News Releases: The Administrator shared the January report of VA disability and pension numbers. This is the report put out by the regional office.

The Administrator asked Commissioner Wheeler about his re-appointment to the Commission. His term is up June 30, 2023. He unfortunately will not be able to continue as he may be relocating. The Administrator brought up the need to find a female to be on the Commission. Commissioner Bell thought he might know of someone, the Administrator did to. Commissioner Bell will do some research to see if that person would be interested. The Administrator will see if her female would be interested also. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on April 19th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The change is due to spring school training the Administrator will be attending during the normal meeting date. Motion made by Commissioner Male, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler. Motion carried to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Hamann", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator