

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission  
January 15, 2025

The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room.  
Members present were:

Robin Housley  
Mike Male  
Michael Stigers  
Shelly Howsare  
Bruce Jeffries - absent

Minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting were read. Commissioner Housley made the motion to accept, Commissioner Stigers seconded. Approved by all present.

January reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: Commissioner Male and the Administrator gave a report on the budget presentation. Information was shared with the Board of Supervisors as to why we don't want the allocation funds.

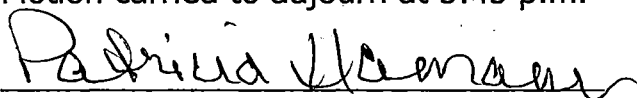
The Administrator shared the proposed legislative changes that IDVA submitted. The Association does not support these proposed changes. There is no reason for them. The Chapter 35 changes are an overreach by the state to take away the decisions and choices of the Commission and Counties.

The Administrator shared information regarding an email that was sent by a state IDVA employee that defamed the Administrator with false accusations. The Administrator shared confirmation of emails from the situation from a county's Commissioners in support of the Administrator and concerns. This information has all been shared with the Cedar County Attorney.

New business: Veterans Day on the Hill information was given to the Commissioners. The Administrator will be meeting with the Governor again this year.

The numbers from VA regional office were shared.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on February 19th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.  
Motion made by Commissioner Stigers, seconded by Commissioner Howsare.  
Motion carried to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.



Patricia Hamann, Administrator