

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission  
July 23, 2025

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

Mike Male  
Michael Stigers  
Shelly Howsare  
Bruce Jeffries  
Robin Housley

Minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting were read. Commissioner Housley made the motion to accept, Commissioner Howsare seconded. Approved by all present.

July reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: none to discuss

New business: The allocation report was shared with the Commission. The Administrator included certificates of training, outreach activities and a breakdown of how the money was spent. This was submitted to IDVA for approval.

The Administrator gave an overview of the training from NACVSO that was attended in Louisville, KY the week prior. Discussion was had over the presenters and their impact. It was one of the better trainings we've had with engaging topics.

The Administrator asked the Commission what their ideas were for the allocation funds and if they planned on accepting the \$10,000. July of every year the Commission lines up potential outreach and what areas the allocation money could be spent. This year the BOS fully funded the needs that we normally used the allocation money for due to concerns over the possible over-reach of the state with those funds.

The Administrator did present the BOS copies of the recent letters that were shared with the Commission members at the June 2025 meeting. The BOS were not pleased with the direction the state has taken in making demands without consultation from the Commission or BOS. The Commission would like to wait until the check actually comes to decide and communicate with the BOS on the action moving forward. The Administrator will keep this topic on the agenda until decided in the future.

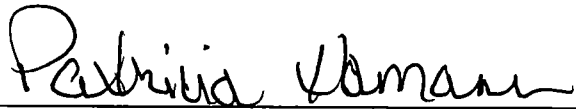


The Administrator shared the HIPAA statements that need to be signed by the Commission for their annual recertification. This applies to any time a Veteran may apply for county assistance. If the Commission asks for the name of the Veteran it must be kept confidential along with any matters discussed.

Regional office numbers were shared with the Commission. We've lost 4 compensation Veterans from May to June with affected the overall monthly amount by \$6500 that is coming into the county.

Information regarding the state fair was shared with the Commission. None of the Commissioners were interested in attending the fair this year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33, motion made by Commissioner Jeffries, seconded by Commissioner Howsare, approved by all in attendance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Hamann", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator