

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: April 21, 2011

PRESENT: STAN KLINE, DALE WITZKE, JOE MAEHL, BOB WIPF, BOB WARNKE, ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: LARRY LAST

Stan Kline called the meeting to order and requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Bob Wipf. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline called for Public Comments. Mr. Last complimented Robert Stone on the presentation of the bronze star medal to Ken Neubauer at the recent County Board meeting. Minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were read. Stan Kline requested motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes as read. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Bob Wipf. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline requested motion for acceptance of the April 21, 2011 financial report. Bob Warnke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. About 1/3 of the way through the year and about 1/3 through the budget, so sitting pretty good.

**Old Business:** No one has heard anything on the mileage issue. Stan explained for Mr. Last that charitable mileage rate of \$.14/mile is not taxable. Currently the county is paying \$.51/mile and if volunteer makes over \$600 a 1099 will be issued and is taxable. This issue will be kept on agenda.

Robert believes that transportation changes that were implemented last year have worked pretty well. Now looking at Red Cross transportation system. Currently Winnebago County drivers are disenfranchised from the DAV program because they no longer drive the van. Options explored. Red Cross has been approached on this issue and they were pretty receptive. There is always the issue of funding. Robert has spoken to County Executive on this and we "could" transfer our budget to them. Red Cross also stated that there is a grant for this purpose and currently waiting to see if they get this grant. Robert gave opinion on issue. Stan mentioned that the County already has a contract with Red Cross through Human Services. That contract provides funding/ride. Robert is looking at something else.

**New Business:** March CVS0 report distributed. Long month but Robert brought attention again to the number of new contacts. Big issue is the resignation of Ken Black, WDVA Secretary. Robert elected to Long Term Care Committee for upcoming year. Shared issues with long term care program. Criteria for admission to King has changed.

Now has to be medically eligible for Medical Assistance. This took away the opportunity of a vet and spouse retiring there. Robert will work to get this criteria taken away. Joe Maehl has also been assigned to this committee. Stan inquired who changed this? Robert believes WDVA changed the rules. Audit has been done of Veterans Homes and off-sides issues were discovered. Many consequences! Bob Wipf asked about profits from Homes because this is the fund that the Trust Fund would like to raid. Robert stated that the homes have lost money for 4 out of the last 5 years. Robert does not feel that the homes have the resources to support the Trust Fund. Discussion on this issue.

Stan Kline requested motion to go into closed session. Joe Maehl so moved at 11:25 a.m., second by Bob Wipf. Roll Call - Stan Kline – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Bob Wipf – aye, Bob Warnke - aye. All ayes, motion carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Stan Kline requested motion to come out of closed session. Bob Wipf so moved at 11:45 a.m., second by Bob Warnke. Roll call – Stan Kline – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Bob Wipf – aye, Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on May 19, 2011, 10:30 AM, JP Coughlin Bldg. Meeting Room B, 625 County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Bob Warnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Wipf. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary

