

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: JULY 8, 2013

PRESENT: BOB WARNKE, DALE WITZKE, JIM ROMNEK, TOM SNIDER, JOE MAHEL, ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting were read. Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke requested motion for acceptance of the July 8, 2013 financial report. Tom Snider so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:** Nothing new on volunteer mileage issue.

-Again discussion on the formation of a Veterans Court in Winnebago County. Bob Warnke believes that since other counties in WI have this available to the veterans in their counties, Winnebago should also. The focus is rehabilitation for the veteran and saving money for the county. The goal is to keep veterans out of jail/prison. One question that would need to be answered is to limit this program to only combat veterans or open to all veterans. Tom Snider passed out information on the program in Waupaca County. Everyone to read this information and be ready to discuss next month. Tom also stated that if rehabilitation is the goal and the counseling is already available through the VA, are we creating another bureaucracy?

**New Business:** June CVSO Report distributed. Robert spoke on recently attending the National CVSO Conference held in Reno, NV. The VA is pushing accreditation/certification. Also a huge emphasis on the backlog. Claims that were pending over 2 years were the first focus and then starting on those over 1 year. Robert explained regionalization for different types of claims and some VARO's being paperless offices. Also explained how much more complicated claims are getting with multiple issues. The office budget has been prepared and final figure came in under the projected figure even though a 2% increase over last year. The next step is it to go before the County Executive. Major changes are in fringe benefits and the care of veterans' graves. Both expenses categories. Robert explained causes for both. Next event for the office is the booth at the Winnebago County Fair.

Bob Warnke requested motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:50 a.m., second by Tom Snider. Roll Call – Bob Warnke –aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Joe Maehl - 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.

Bob Warnke requested motion to come out of closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 10:20 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. Roll call – Bob Warnke – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Joe Maehl - aye. All ayes, motion carried.

**The next meeting will be on August 13, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. @ the Orrin King Bldg, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Oshkosh, WI.**

Jim Romnek moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary

