

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: APRIL 13, 2015

PRESENT: BOB WARNKE, DALE WITZKE, JIM ROMNEK, JOE AULIK AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: JOE MAEHL & TOM SNIDER

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:01 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. Roll Call – Bob Warnke –aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – 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 a motion to come out of closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 9:30 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. Roll call – Bob Warnke – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were read. Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke requested a motion for acceptance of the April 13, 2015 financial report. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Bob spoke on possibly increasing the VSC funding during budget time.

**Old Business:** Joe Aulik, new CVSO, gave brief background and touched on office philosophy and goals.

**New Business:** Veteran Service Commission guidelines will be reviewed next month. Copy of Chapter 45 of the state statutes distributed. The duties of the VSC is pointed out in 45.81. The VSC is required to present an annual report to the County Board each year. This has never been done as far as anyone can remember. Several handouts comparing counties in Wisconsin per capita Compensation & Pension dollars were distributed. Winnebago County is currently behind the state & national average in Compensation and Pension which Joe will work to get to the top in this area just as he did in Kewaunee County. The office as a TEAM will be slowly be implementing processes to achieve this visionary goal. Possible change in data base which will allow electronically transmittal of claims. This will greatly help the Benefit Specialists process claims quicker. WDVA added more requirements for the CVSO Grant. We are the only local outreach & delivery system for state and federal veterans benefits. Joe briefly spoke on the Neenah Office

space and eventual consolidation due to space requirements needed by the county and improve efficiencies within the office. If a veteran could not make it to Oshkosh, there will still be an opportunity to meet with veterans for appointments in Neenah or home visits.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13 @ **1:00 p.m.** @ the Orrin King Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer