

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10, 2015

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Jim Romnek, Joe Maehl, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Tom Snider

Others Present: None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 9:01 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motioned 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. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:20 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated July 13, 2015. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated August 10, 2015. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Joe Aulik advised Commissioners to be conscious of the fund balance from now until the end of the year.

Old Business: Traffic at the veterans booth on Friday of the Winnebago County Fair was very slow because of the weather. Friday was Veterans Day at the fair and veterans got in free until 5:00 pm. The booth was staffed by office employees Friday, Saturday & Sunday of the fair and other VSO's utilized the booth the other days. Good exposure for the office.

New Business: Joe Aulik has had meeting with Mr. Harris & Mr. Ornstein regarding the office budget and the additional \$4000 for the VSC was given preliminary approval. Question rose as to why the additional request for VSC funds because history of the last several years show the funds have not been exhausted. The justification for the additional funds is that the Commission

would like to be more liberal. The increase in hours for the 2 PT employees to FT was also preliminarily approved. The office budget is basically at last years level without the new additions. Bill Wingren, Chairman of the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee also at the meeting. Joe felt that the budget meeting was very positive. Now the budget moves onto the County Board for final approval. He also spoke on the economic impact of approximately 80 million dollars the office brings into the county but those funds do not come directly into the county budget but are spent in the community.

A preliminary diagram of the remodeling to the County Administration Building has been distributed. This diagram as the Veterans Office on the 1st floor, up about 5 steps from ground level. The diagram had 5 separate offices, a counseling room, waiting room and reception area. .

The annual meeting for the VSC is slated for 9/11/15 at King. Registration and agenda not out yet but will be distributed ASAP. Judy will call each Commissioner to see if they wish to attend to get the dues and registration paid prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Joe Maehl moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services