

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2014

PRESENT: BOB WARNKE, DALE WITZKE, JIM ROMNEK, TOM SNIDER, JOE MAEHL, ROBERT STONE AND WENDY CONGER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Tom Snider so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. The Chair recognized Judy Steckbauer; the Commissioners extend their sympathy to Judy and her family in the loss of her father and mother in law.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:05 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. Roll Call – Bob Warnke –aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Joe Maehl – aye. Robert Stone – 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. Joe Maehl so moved at 9:15 a.m., second by Tom Snider. Roll call – Bob Warnke – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Tom Snider – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Robert Stone – aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting were read. Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke requested a motion for acceptance of the November 10, 2014 financial report. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Robert Stone commented that he is pleased with the financial report, good financial shape.

**Old Business:** Robert Stone asked for comments on the Winnebago County Veterans' Recognition and Tribute Event that was held on November 8. All agreed that it was a very nice event. Bob Warnke said that people commented that they were happy that they came. All agreed that it was set up better than last year, as far as seating and lunch flow. The Commissioners commend the staff for doing a wonderful job, for their selfless attention to detail of the event.

**New Business:** Bob Warnke watched an interview with Bob McDonald on 60 minutes. He seems very sincere in wanting to get the VA healthcare system reorganized. He was impressed with him and his ideas and suggested that the Veterans' Service Office staff watch the interview.

Robert Stone discussed that because of some changes in the VA system, the staff is going through more training, including fingerprinting, background checks and receiving PIV cards, and how the PIV cards will reduce the number of steps taken to get information from VA. Robert also discussed the fact that he will be retiring April 1, 2015. He has discussed this with the County Executive and the job is posted. Bob Warnke recommends that one of the Commissioners of the Veterans' Service Commission Board be allowed to sit in on the interviewing for the CVSO position. Joe Maehl suggested maybe not one but all of the Commissioners be involved in the interview.

CVSO report: CVSO report distributed, Robert went over the report, stating that the Veterans' Service Office is very busy, the numbers speak for themselves.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 8,, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. @ the Orrin King Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Conger

