

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting  
21 January, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Richard Strain, Lyle Bartels, Fred Kozak, Ronald Corbett excused absent, Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek County Commissioner.

Doyle reminded those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Strain moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bartels. Voting aye: 4, nays: none motion carried.

Spend reading the minutes of the 17 September, 2015 regular meeting as all had received a copy of them in the mail. Bartels motion to approve the minutes as received, seconded by Kozak. Voting aye: 4, nay: none, motion carried.

Doyle read the report of what the office has done as to seeing veterans and dependents for claims and help from the office. From the Federal VA 8 new claims and 8 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 1 new Non service connected claims. One (1) request for school, 6 for Discharges from the National Archives, 4 requests for health care and 3 appointments requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 10 Veterans have passed away and 6 spouses and, for the office 11 Veterans, 6 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 3 request for compensation or pensions for Widows, burial benefits, 4 headstones or markers. 4 requests for Senators Office help and, no requests for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 8 from state and 5 from the county, 1 hunting and Fishing permit, One (1) State Veterans Home application. And 18 request for transportation for health care and only completing 10 of these trips due to canceling the appointment or due to bad weather and road conditions. Office has provided 11 county markers for veterans' and. Veteran on Drivers License's for 6 veterans. Had 5 requests for Nebraska Veterans Aid with 3 approved for \$13693.09 and 1 denied \$0. County Aid fund is at \$ 3092.35

Went over the budget worksheets, and reported the County Commissioners had approved the budget as submitted. Working on getting the County newspaper's start run articles on new update from the VA and the Veterans Office should start next month.

Reported on changes to the state statutes that effect the Office, 80-403 Veterans Relief (Ne Veterans Aid Fund) can now pay for some Transportation cost and some Catastrophic emergency expenses. How LB 305 would not affect 80-102 for County Aid which is not required to help pay transportation cost. Was some discussion on what the levy would provide if the maximum amount was asked for by the Veterans Committee? Reported on the Registry for Veteran on Driver's License requiring using a DD-214

and, a DD-214 or NGB-22 form and for the new Veterans License Plates starting 2 January 2016 and having trouble with the forms for the National Guard.

Reported on the states computer system Vetera Spec as the Commissioners approved the payment of \$399.00 for use of this system as it is a cloud based system as the state will be putting more of their forms on it was paid. I have started using the system and still not use to it but working with it more daily and getting better at using it.

Reported on the County Car used by the office have a new 2016 Grand Caravan had been Received on 14 October 2015 under a state of Nebraska contract cost of \$21,145.00 and Office should get sign made for the Van as per the committee.

The Veterans Memorial committee is stilling entering Information on Kiosk and the screen was leaking and it has been replaced and installed and it is working well.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 5 May 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room. No further business to come before the committee Ronald moved for Adjournment and seconded by Richard Voting aye: 4, nays: none motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary