

# Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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## Minutes

At 1500 Commissioner Susan Springer called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. Marta Ford was the other commissioner in attendance. Jerry Nelson and Jerome Gunderson called in on speaker phone. Commissioner John Billingsley was absent. Others in attendance were Veteran Affairs Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and Jason Jagler of the "Newton Daily News".

The minutes of the 5 April 2017 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Susan Springer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### Grant Fund Uses...

Marta Ford made a motion to purchase one picnic table for the Jasper County Fair Grounds for \$767.00 and to also donate \$750.00 to the Colfax Memorial Day Celebration May 29, 2017.

Jerry Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith reported we now have \$539.78 remaining in the FY 2016/2017 Grant Fund.

#### Vietnam Veteran Books:

Kurt Jackson reported that the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs have ordered the Vietnam Books. The current price is \$10.00 per book. The future price of the book will be \$38.00.

### **New Business:**

#### April Budget

The April budget was presented to the commission..

#### Grant Fund Uses

Kurt Jackson reported that the \$10,000.00 grant that we have been receiving yearly will be reduced to \$9,600.00 FY 2017/2018 and possibly to \$4,500.00 for FY 2018/2019. The commissioners asked Kurt Jackson to draft a letter to Wes Breckenridge and Chaz Allen asking them what is source of the grant; why the reduction in trust fund allocations; and what is the current balance of the trust fund. Kurt will send the drafted letter to the commissioners for their approval prior to sending it to our elected officials.

#### Newton Union Cemetery

Marta Ford voiced concerns about the maintenance of the veteran sections at the Newton Union Cemetery. Marta had received several telephone calls voicing complaints about its current conditions. The commission asked Kurt Jackson to address the Newton City Council about our concerns.

### Career Fair May 17

Jerry Nelson reported that veterans will have exclusive access from 12:30 to 1 PM at the May 17, 2017 Career Fair at DMACC in Ankeny.

### Closed Session (Personnel Action Review)

At 1550 Susan Springer read paragraph i of Iowa Code 2017, Section 21.5 pertaining to a closed session. Marta Ford made a motion to adjourn and Jerome Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned.

Jason Jagler and Keith Thorpe left the meeting.

At 1625 the closed session ended and the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs reconvened.

John Billingsley, chairman of the commission, will be sending a letter to the Auditor, Dennis Parrott, informing him that the email from Ms. Kelly Cogely has been reviewed and that no further action was required.

Kurt Jackson informed the commission that Adam Foreman, CSA Woodworking, had contacted PCA - Packaging Corporation of America located in Marshalltown, Iowa about manufacturing a cardboard box to transport the flag case holders. PCA said that a die to make the proper boxes would be five to six hundred dollars or more. Also, PCA would not quote the price of the boxes once the die is manufactured. As a result, the commission asked Kurt to have Adam Foreman Contact the Walter G. Anderson Company in Newton for a packaging quote.

Confirm 3:00 PM Meeting for June 14, 2017.