

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs
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12 June 2019

Minutes

At 1500 Commissioner Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs to order. Commissioners Jerry Nelson, Susan Springer, Mike Naber and Fred Dimon were present. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and Dustin Teays “Reporter” for the “Newton Daily News.”

1. The Minutes of the 8 May 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Chairperson Marta Ford stated that the minutes would stand approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

1. Allocation Fund Report/ other possibilities: This report was presented to the commission. The allocation funds remaining to be expensed are \$1,239.99. The commission has until 30 June 2019 to disperse this remaining balance. Susan Springer made a motion that we look into purchasing fireproof file cabinets and other items deemed necessary which are authorized expenditures per the Allocation Fund for Veterans. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. May 2019 Budget Report: The May 2019 Budget was presented to the Commission.
2. May 2019 Directors Report: The May 2019 was presented to the commission.
3. Elect Chairperson and Secretary for FY 2019 /2020: Jerry Nelson made a motion to elect Fred Dimon as Chairman for the FY 2019 / 2020. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Marta Ford appointed Keith N. Thorpe as Secretary for the same period
4. Payroll (Keith): Marta Ford made a motion that Keith N. Thorpe receive a 3% (COLA) increase. Fred Dimon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Office Vacation Plans: In the next few weeks Keith and Kurt will be taking a week of vacation. The Office may be closed on certain days during their time off.

At 1535 Chairperson Marta Ford asked for a temporary adjournment of the regular meeting so that the commission could go into closed session (Iowa Code 21.5k) to discuss a veteran’s request for assistance. Reporter Dustin Teays departed the meeting at 1536.

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6. Special Request for Veterans Assistants: At 1537 the commission began the closed-door discussion. At 1550 the closed session ended. At 1552 the commission returned to the regular meeting. Jerry Nelson made a motion that no further funding beyond the cap set by the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Policy Board would be disbursed to the veteran in question. Request denied. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input (None)

Marta Ford announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1555 Mike Naber made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Susan Springer. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith N. Thorpe