

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2016

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

Absent: Dale Witzke

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 Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:05 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. Joe Maehl so moved at 9:30 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated June 20, 2016. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated July 20, 2016. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed report.

Old Business: Position Study – Approved by the County Board the previous evening. Now there will be an appeal period for those that believe their position was not classified correctly. Joe spoke on what positions will be appealed within the department and why. Positions other than the Director may start being paid at 40 hours per week instead of 37.5. This will be accomplished by shortening the lunch hour to ½ hour. Joe is also requesting 2 additional Benefit Specialist positions in the 2017 budget. He is currently doing more outreach which is garnering more business and he would eventually like to do even more outreach by way of TV and radio. The goal is to expand benefits and grow. There have been 17 suicides by Wisconsin Veterans so far this year.

Office Relocation – Commissioners viewed floor plan for the 3rd floor of the County Administration Bldg. on Otter Ave. Move tentatively planned for the fall of 2017. Joe is happy with the plan. The new setting will be more professional. Comment made that more handicapped parking is needed in front of the CAB. Also 2 veteran reserve signs will be placed on street when move happens.

Regionalization Resolution – resolution distributed opposing this issue. Joe will bring this resolution and the grant resolution before the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee next month requesting support. The County Board the month after. Sources have stated that this issue will again be brought up later this year.

New Business: No new agenda items brought forward.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 8, 2016 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 Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services