

Veterans Commission Mtg minutes

05/09/2023

4:00pm 970 Court Ave ICCVA Office downstairs in Court House

Called to order at : 4:06pm

Motioned for Adjournment: 5:43pm

Members Present: Kayne Robinson, Patty Heitshusen Members Absent:

Guest: Phone Conference: Michael Waughop

Open Forum: No members of the public in attendance during open forum

New Business:

June 2023 Reminder that the Office will be closed, or office hours modified, our outreach events on the following dates (Including the end of May 2023)

05/29/23: Memorial Day, office/court house is closed. I have been asked to be a speaker that morning in North English at their Memorial Day Service. Service Time will be at 11:00am at the North English Cemetery, rain location will be the North English High School.

06/04/23-06/09/23: Sunday June 4th through Friday 9th, 2023 the office will be closed for the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers National training in Madison WI.

06/15/23: Thursday June 15th, 2023 is the next projected Coffee & Camaraderie in Williamsburg Iowa at the Brick House Coffee Shop. The director (Jennifer Olson) is also looking at the Marengo Public Library as a meeting location as well for future meetings.

06/19/23: This is a federal holiday and the courthouse will be closed.

Currently these are the only office hour modifications that are forecasted until the end of June. If changes occur and hours need to be modified outside of what is listed, the director will contact the commission members to notify them asap.

Formal Vote for approval of Paid Time Off (PTO): A formal action needs to be taken (commission vote), a motion to approve the accrual of Paid Time Off in the amount that would be equal to Iowa County Employees at 8 years of service at the time of going from part time employment status to full time employment status, (in the Iowa County Code section, an employee of 8 years is currently acquiring 15 days of vacation time), effective the first day of full time service, which was around November 07, 2022.

Motion for approval: Motion was made by Michael Waughop

Roll Call Vote: The vote chosen is indicated by the highlighted area.

Kayne Robinson: Yes / No

Patti Heitshusen: Yes / No

Mike Waughop: Yes / No

In favor: All three commission members are in favor of the motion.

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried: Yes- motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the meeting minutes will be forwarded to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Chair, Kevin Heitshusen.

Reappointment: A email was sent to the Iowa County Auditor, notifying the them of the desire to reappoint Mr. Kayne Robinson to the Iowa County Commission of Veteran Affairs.

Misc:

Old Business: I met with Brandi from the Iowa County Auditor office, she said the resolution to maintain donated funds in a separate account would need to be passed closer to budget time frame, when budgets were being submitted in December/Jan. I put a reminder in my calendar closer to the date to re-address the resolution.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX) Report: The new GDX report for FY22 was recently published. I will be able to provide a more in depth breakdown of the yearly details of the report for the June Meeting. The overall increase for this past FY is \$1,698,000, which brings a total of \$12,960,000 in the form of federal benefits paid to the Veterans residing in Iowa County, but the total amount of veterans receiving benefits in this county decreased by 56, which places the total veterans now receiving benefits in Iowa County to 960.

Annual Salary Certification: The salary for the upcoming fiscal year is to be certified by the commission. *Patti motioned for approval of the salary certification, this motion was seconded by Mike, all commission members in favor, motion passed and the certification was signed by the commission chairman, Kayne Robinson.*

Closed Session if needed: One application has been received on 05/09/2023 for rental assistance.

Veterans #DB126158 is requesting emergency assistance in the amount of \$575.00 for rent, which partial utilities are included in the rental contract. The motion was made for the approval

for \$575.00 to Belland Apartments to assist in rental payment. This motion was seconded by Mike Waughop, and all commission members were in favor of passing the motion.

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday June 13th,2023 at 4:00pm