

Veterans Services Committee

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Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
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MINUTES June 8, 2021 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Commissioner Peat, Commissioner Hanson and Commissioner Chappell

Others in attendance: Administrator Hardester, Cari Elmore, Commissioner Doroh, Commissioner Godfrey, Commissioner Schincariol, Tony Dacoba, Sherry Schwartz, and David Hagen

A. Zoom Meeting Information

2. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Chappell; Supported by Commissioner Hanson; Motion: Carried

5. Public Comment

David Hagen, the new State Historian Director of Veterans of Foreign Wars made a public comment requesting a team to serve the veterans of this county.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes - April 13, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021 by Commissioner Hanson; Supported by Commissioner Chappell; Motion: Carried

7. Agenda Items

A. Monthly Statistics

Sherry Schwartz reported on the monthly statistics for April and May.

Frank will meet with Stoney regarding long term plans for Veterans Services in Van Buren County. Commissioner Peat requested that Sherry ask Stoney what metrics would he recommend for reports going forward, are these the ones that are most meaningful. Commissioner Peat requested that the reports include the actual number of hours spent working on Van Buren County items.

Discussion ensued.

B. MVAA Service Fund Grant Update

Sherry reported that the budget amendments for the MVAA Grant has to be complete by the end of June. Stoney was talking about different budget amendments and would like to meet with Frank about it. There is quite a bit of the grant money left over for the dental program and perhaps a social media page, a video, maybe purchasing furniture or paint for the Veteran's office.

Commissioner Peat stated that he would like to see Veterans Services get a little more structure and organization prior to advertising. Use the funds towards operations first, then expend the funds towards the maximum benefit of the veterans.

C. Transportation Plan

Tony Dacoba reported about how the Veteran's transportation is going. He stated that it is going well, but we have not received too many people taking advantage of the service.

D. Other

- Commissioner Chappell stated that Commissioner Doroh said that the Veteran's Services radio ad has the wrong contact person listed. Stoney has the information about it.
- Commissioner Doroh stated that a group he met in the City of Bangor held a motorcycle run and raised over \$11,000.
- Frank we should put out a pamphlet that tells everything that Veterans Services has to offer.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.