

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 13, 2021 in Person & Virtual Meeting
Virtual Connection information provided on Agenda
1:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- **Call to Order:** Skyler Dooley, Chairman called the meeting to order @ 1:00 pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** All those attending either in person or virtually stood where they were and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- **Roll Call-** Skyler Dooley, Chairman; Holly Collins, Secretary; Ellen Way, Member; Jesse Shea, Member and Mick Gutttau, Member; Office Personnel Nick Jedlicka, Director; Peggy Becker, Caseworker III; Pam Wilke, Caseworker II; Paul Rosenberg, Caseworker II; Brenna Maher, Caseworker I and Jess Boese, Receptionist
- **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:** None
- **BOS Updates-** No BOS Present
- **Commissioner Updates:** No Updates given
- **Public Comment (3-minute speaking limit per person)** Members of the DAV were present but no comments were made

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ **Approval of the minutes for June:** Motion to approve made by Skyler Dooley, Chairman second by Mick Gutttau, Member All in Favor 5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carries
- ❖ **Approval of assistance given for June:** (No assistance provided no approval needed)
- ❖ **Closeout Budget Review-2020/2021:** We should be @ 100%, closeout is at 93% we are returning \$23,378.35 back to the General Fund.
- ❖ **Opening Budget 2021-2022:** The New Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed with the Commission.

➤ **Federal County Assistance Report for June 2021:**

	June	Previous Month May
Walk Ins:	166	134
Calls:	368	330
Total:	434	464

County	State	Federal
New Clients /Calls	10	Driver License Application
Pantry/Clothing	7	5
Grave Marker	6	License Plate Application
Mail I/O	73	7
166 Walk Ins, 48 had Appt		Hunting/Fishing License
		2
		Intent to File
		12
		Headstone Application
		9
		Home Loan Certificate
		2
		SF-180
		1

➤ **Facilities Update:**

- ❖ **MPR Usage:** The MPR is still being utilized by County Depts and Service Organizations, Public Health is still conducting the Vaccine Clinics here 4X a week, M-W-F nights and all-day Saturday. As the process proceeds to tear down the Services Building Parking in our could be an issue, approximately 50 park, on the services parking lot and it will no longer be available when the demolition begins.
- ❖ **Windows:** The latest update in regards to the widows is that the building has negative air pressure which is causing moisture to be sucked in through the seams of the windows. A company will be coming out to measure the pressure in the building.

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OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ **Relocation Grant:** The rules and regulations for the relocation grant have been forwarded to County Attorney Office. Unfortunately, it has to be reviewed by Matt Wilbur as it effects the IA Code and he is currently involved in a Murder Trial so the approval has been delayed.
- ❖ **Guideline Updates:** Changes to the guidelines are on hold until they can be reviewed my Matt Wilbur; County Attorney
- ❖ **Outreach Opportunities:** There are two upcoming car shows the VFW is hosting one on our premise on Saturday, July 31st and Operation Twenty-Two til Freedom is hosting another at McMullen Ford on Saturday August 7th. Commission Member Ellen Way also brought our attention to the Elks Lodge Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday July 24th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ **DAV Pantry Donation:** Members of the local DAV Post, Shala Chevalier, Cheryl Schaffer and Brett Powell presented a check for \$300 to our office for use in the Pantry.
- ❖ **Return of the VAH:** Dave Conrad with the VAH will be returning to our office once a month for outreach and providing enrollment assistance
- ❖ **BOS Annual Report:** The BOS asks for an update from our office in regards to what we have accomplished in the preceding FY. This information will be put in a flyer that is available to the public.
- ❖ **FY Year End GDG (Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures) Population:** Per the GDG Current Veteran Population in Pottawattamie County is 7526 Total Benefits brought into and spent within the county is \$76,909,000.00. Our office had a total of 9252 contacts of which 192 were new.
- ❖ **Contract Renewal for Director Nick Jedlicka:** The renewal contract was presented to the Commission for approval. A discussion was held and it was determined that the Commission needed to sit down with the BOS and HR to review the contract since this is something that has never been done before. Skyler Dooley motioned that in the interim that the Director operate under the contract from the previous year keeping things at a status quo until the New contract can be discussed with all parties, Second by Holly Collins, Secretary All in Favor 5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carries
- ❖ **BOS Commissioner Appointments:** The Posting Closed on July 8, there were six applicants it is up to the BOS to interview and choose.
- ❖ **Commission Vote of Roles:** Skyler Dooley current Chairman is stepping back form the seat, Holly Collins current Secretary volunteered to become the Chairman. Ellen Way current Member of the Commission volunteered to become the Secretary. Motion to approve the changes to the Commission Roles made by Skyler Dooley, Chairman second by Mick Gutttau, Member. All in Favor 5 Aye 0 Nay

***CLOSED SESSION AS ALLOWED PER CODE OF IOWA CHAPTER 21.5, 1(A)May ASSISTANCE
REQUESTS: No Requests for Assistance***

MEETING ADJOURNED Skyler Dooley, Chairman made a motion to adjourn second by Holly Collins, Secretary, All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay Motion carries meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting August 10, 2021- 1:00 pm