

**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY  
COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

January 9, 2020

9:00 A.M.

**AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call-Skyler Dooley, Chairman; Holly Collins, Secretary; Jesse Shea, Member; Ellen Fritz, Member; Nick Jedlicka, Director; Paul Rosenberg, Caseworker II; Pam Wilke, Caseworker II; Brenna Maher, Caseworker I and Peggy Becker, Caseworker III Absent Phil Jacobs, Member
- Additions or Corrections to the Agenda-Under New Business add Flag Box & Representative from Senator Axne's Office
- BOS Updates-Scott Belt: The County is moving forward with the property buy-outs and are in negotiations with the Unions in regards to Chapter 20. Justin Schultz: All Budgets are going to be reviewed because with the property buy outs this will move the property off the tax rolls and revenue for the county will decrease. Budgets across the board may need to be reduced. The NACO Conference in DC is coming up and there is a section specifically addressed to Veterans and their needs in our local communities and he strongly urges that our Director attend the Conference.
- Commissioner Updates-None
- Public Comment (3-minute speaking limit per person)-None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Approval of the minutes for December-Jesse Shea: motion; Skyler Dooley: 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved all in favor 4 ayes 0 nay
- Approval of assistance given for December- Jesse Shea: motion; Skyler Dooley: 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved all in favor 4 ayes 0 nay
- Budget Review – 2019/2020- Should be @ 50% overall we are at 51% Estimated training costs for Spring School (3 attending) and National School (4 attending) is approximately \$11,000.00. Between the allocation, board line and education lines there should be no problem in meeting the demand.

- Federal County Assistance Report for November-
 

December	Previous Month November
Walk Ins: 242	252
Calls: 490	374
Total: 792	800

County	State	Federal
New Clients 24	Driver License Application 4	Benefit Application 17
Pantry/Clothing 14	License Plate Application 7	Intent to File 34
Grave Marker 1		Headstone Application 4
Mail I/O 60		SF-180 11

- Facilities Update:
  - MP Room Usage: 9
  - Window issue is at a stand still until the weather warms up in the spring

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- Old Business/unfinished business
  - Outreach Plan-No Updates at this time, it was discussed that the Commission meet to 'brainstorm' on how to proceed. It was reiterated by Scott Belt BOS Liaison that the Commission can meet but no decisions can be made.
  - Social Media-Nick Jedlicka, Director reported that he has been working with Jacob Head in regards to marketing our office by using the best resources to hit our target audience; Veterans no matter what the era or age by using our FB Account to a Twitter Account It was also reported that the Twitter account has now been set up.
  - District 7 County Training: There has been a Change in the date it is now scheduled for February 19, 2020 and will be held in our MPR
  - Copier Upgrade: The copier upgrade to color has been completed, the Hard Drive from the old copier was obtained and handed over to our IT department for destruction.
  
- **New Business**
  - NACVSO: Dues have been paid, and Nick Jedlicka, Director monitoring flight costs for booking
  - Flag Box: Nick Jedlicka gave a presentation in regards to purchasing a Patriot painted mail box from American Security Cabinets for a flag drop box
  - Veteran's History Project: Kyle McGlade representative from Senator Axnes office provided information in regards to having Veteran's recorded in real time to provide and unedited account of their war time experiences. They are going to train high school journalism students on how to interview the Veterans. The tapes will be stored at the Library of Congress. He is asking our help to encourage Veteran's to participate.

***CLOSED SESSION AS ALLOWED PER CODE OF IOWA CHAPTER 21.5, 1(A) January  
ASSISTANCE REQUESTS***

Motion to Enter is to Closed session @ 09:53 am made by Skyler Dooley, Chairman second by Jesse Shea, Member  
Motion to Exit Closed session @ 10:08 am made by Jesse Shea, Member second by Holly Collins, Secretary  
Approval for decisions made in closed session made by Jesse Shea, Member second by Holly Collins, Secretary

***OPEN SESSION***

***ADJOURN Next Meeting February 13, 2020 - 9:00 am***