

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, 9:00 am

Commissioner attendance: Jessica Reith, Cecil Foell, Daryl Johnson, Richard Ochoa and Cindy Davis.
Other representative Paul Beatty Director, CVSO

Absent: None

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 8:58 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from meeting on August 28, 2023, second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: phone, Visa, TAG printer and docking station. Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **What's New in the Office:** Sean Gillam, Cleark/CVSO started with the County Veteran Service Office today and was introduced to the Commissioners.

Paul Beatty provided information about the Stand Down that occurred September 23, 2023. There were 316 Vets signed in for the Stand Down, this was more than double from the previous year.

In the office there are:

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| Current open service connection claims | 71 | | |
| Out of County | | | Current open pensions 7 |
| Floyd | 3 | | Iowa Trust Funds 3 |
| Franklin | 1 | | |
| Hancock | 3 | | Appeals 5 |
| Kossuth | 1 | | Month of Sept |
| Mitchell | 3 | | Service Connection Claims 9 |
| Winnebago | 1 | | Pensions 4 |
| Worth | 9 | | Health Care 3 |
| Wright | 2 | | DIC Claims 9 |
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5. **Public Comments** – Serve Pro has informed the office that they plan to do Cakes of Honor. Paul Beatty will reach out to them to see what their plan is for Cerro Gordo County, so we can have a plan moving forward.

Cecil Foell informed the Commissioners that Mason City Schools is requesting the Commissioners to sponsor two flags for the new activity center. Size of flags is 8ft x 10ft one for the aquatic center and one for the basketball fieldhouse. Both flags to be accompanied by plaques. The request is for \$1200. Cecil is going to request additional information before a decision will be made by the Commissioners.

6. **Next meeting** scheduled for October 30, 2023 - 9:00 am
7. **Adjourn** – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis