

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, October 30, 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 9:01 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from meeting on Sept 25, 2023, with the correction to the date second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: phone, Visa, TAG, KCMR Radio Annual, SALT Forum Booth, and paper shredding. Paul Beatty also informed us that he was able to move \$2000 from the bus line item on the financial to general transportation as this will help support veterans with transportation needs and utilize a taxi service. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **What's New in the Office:**

| Oct-23 | |
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| Current Open Service Connection Claims | 76 |
| Out of County | |
| Floyd | 5 |
| Franklin | 0 |
| Hancock | 4 |
| Kossuth | 1 |
| Mitchell | 4 |
| Winnebago | 2 |
| Worth | 10 |
| Wright | 2 |
| Current Open Pensions | 7 |
| Iowa Trust Funds | 0 |
| Appeals | 6 |
| Month of | October |
| Service connection claims | 19 |
| Pensions | 0 |
| Health Care | 6 |
| DIC Claims | 0 |
| Burial Benefits | 2 |
| Congressional | |
| Work in Progress | |
| S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign | 0 |
| Pension waiting on supporting docs | 0 |
| Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter | 1 |

Paul Beatty discussed with commissioners the grave markers that are currently being used, and stated the markers cost \$96 a piece and take an estimated eight months to receive them. He provided samples for new grave markers. Commissioners voted to change the grave markers to the new metal markers. The cost will be \$14 each and will take 2-4 weeks to receive them.

Sean Gillam, Clerk/CVSO passed his VSO certification.

Coasters are in and being delivered marketing the Cerro County Veteran Service Office.

Serve Pro is taking over the Cakes of Honor.

Turkeys and Hams are available to veterans in need. They will be available for pick up November 20-22. A big thank you to Cargill for donating the turkeys and to Ron Bartusek (Star Auto body) for donating the hams.

The information about the Mason City Schools request for the Commissioners to sponsor two flags for the new activity center is tables until we receive updated documentation on the actual cost of the flags.

Toys for Tots will be handed out by the Marine Corp Leage at the Salvation Army December 13th and 14th, 2023.

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Next meeting** scheduled for November 27, 2023 - 9:00 am

7. **Adjourn** – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Daryl Johnson. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis