

## Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 9:00 am

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

Absent: Daryl Johnson

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Cecil Foell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from meeting on November 27th, 2023, second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: Office Cell phone, D&D Printing (clothing), Sean’s business cards, Taxi service for Veteran C&P appointment, Paper Shredding. Cecil Foell made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **Veteran’s Affairs FY 2024-2025 Budget.** 3% cost of living raise for all employees. Paul Beatty Director asked for additional 1.5% for Sean for completing VSO requirements. Amounts were moved to Correct line items: 4570 Lease equipment for printer rental, 3510 Bus for 2,000 and putting 2,000 into 3540 General transportation ( taxi service ). Cecil Foell made a motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 budget; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion pass ( Budget is attached to meeting minutes)
5. **What’s New in the Office:**

23-Dec	
Current Open Service Connection Claims	75
Out of County	
Floyd	1
Franklin	0
Hancock	0
Kossuth	0
Mitchell	1
Winnebago	0
Worth	0
Wright	0
Current Open Pensions	6
Iowa Trust Funds	1
Appeals	1
Month of	
December	
Service connection Claims	9
Health Care	3
DIC Claims	0
Burial Benefits	0
Congressional	0
Work in Progress	

S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign	0
Pension waiting on supporting Docs	1
Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter	0

Cindy said she would reach out to the supervisors in Worth County to find out why they are unable to take care of Worth County claims.

The Check for 400 to Mason city Schools Dist. Was handed to Cecil Foell, Jessica Reith was going to reach out and find times that work for a meet to present the Funds to the School.

Home Base Iowa, we have a new Veteran Family that has moved to Mason city and is working in Garner. They stopped in to have their Healthcare benefits transferred to our area. We told him about Home Base Iowa and handed him a tote. He will be coming back to talk about other benefits from this program.

Sean has complete background checks and fingerprints. He will be issued his PIV card on Thursday December 21, 2023. He will be full operational after this. He will now work on getting accredited with: The American Legion, DAV, and VFW.

- 5. **Public Comments** – None
- 6. **Next meeting** scheduled for January 29, 2024 - 9:00 am
- 7. **Adjourn** – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Paul Beatty