

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Wednesday December 14, 2016

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: Forest County Board Room #107

Call to Order

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bocek, Papapetru, Cundiff, Liesch, Chaney, Spaude and Laabs. Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien

Approve Agenda

Motion by Liesch to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Laabs, all present voting AYE. Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the July 19th 2016 Meeting

Motion by Liesch to approve minutes of the July 19th 2016 meeting, seconded by Laabs, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

Proposal to County Board in August Meeting

VSO explained the both Resolutions in regards to Regionalization of the Forest County Veterans Office and returning the current WDVA CVSO Reimbursement Grant back to the prior block style grant. Both resolutions passed unanimously without any arguments.

Veterans Benefit Expo – April 2017

The VSO explained that in April of 2017 counties to include Forest, Langlade, Oneida, Lincoln & Vilas will host a Veterans Benefits Expo in National Guard Armory in Rhinelander. VSO explained that this is an informational expo to get more knowledge of benefits to veterans.

CVSO Office Relocation Idea

VSO explained that since the reduction of entrances into the courthouse on October 1st 2016 there has been discussion of relocating the office to a wheelchair accessible location. VSO explained that he has pursued other options on the lower level by the wheelchair elevator with no positive outcome. VSO explained that there has been push to move the office to the ADRC location. VSO explained that moving the office outside the courthouse would be an extreme inconvenience due to not having direct access to records and other offices that assist in the daily needs of the VSO. VSO explained that he's discussed a buzzer or intercom system with the maintenance department and that could be a viable and relatively cheap option. VSO also explained that it's his belief that a buzzer / intercom system with a monitor at the south/west entrance would be the best option because the office is on the main level and the VSO could let in those with disabilities who need to see him. VSO states that to date he has had no issues with the single entrance since the implementation. VSO advises that letters against the office relocation are being prepared by himself and by former county employed VSO Jerome Warpehoski to be given to Board Chair Milan prior to January 4th 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Liesch to adjourn, seconded by Cundiff, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.