

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Thursday March 23rd, 2017

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, Matuszewski, Chaney, and Laabs.

Others Present: Forest County Board Chair Paul Milan & VSO Robert Koplien

Approve Agenda

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

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the December 14th 2016 Meeting

Motion by Bocek to approve minutes of the December 14th 2016 meeting, seconded by Liesch, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

CVSO Office S/W Entrance Information

VSO explained that a camera and intercom system has been established at the south west entrance.

VSO explained that this will allow the disabled or elderly to contact the office by pushing the intercom.

VSO will then come and let the person into the building. VSO explained that he doesn't and didn't want the ability to let someone electronically into the building without personally doing it in fear of someone being let in without any knowledge of the courthouse.

Military Order of Purple Heart Accreditation

VSO is now accredited with the Military Order of Purple Heart national organization. VSO explained that he can submit and track all claims submitted through the MOPH organization.

Veterans Benefit Expo – April 2017

VSO handed out flyer & explained that a multi-county Veterans Benefits expo will be held on Friday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Rhinelander National Guard armory located at 1136 Adams Way (formerly 1136 Military Road). This expo will have County Veterans Service Office staff from Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, and Vilas counties, as well as people from dozens of organizations including the VA Regional Office, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Nicolet Area Technical College, Department of Workforce Development, VA Medical Center, and many others. There will also be people who can provide information to help veterans with hearing loss, homeless veterans, senior living, heating assistance, filing VA pension and disability claims, and so much more. All veterans, family members, survivors, and care givers of veterans are welcome to attend. This event is free.

VSO explained that the AmVets Post 724 will be at the expo selling burgers, brats, and drinks.

WDVA Reimbursement Grant

VSO reports that on January 30th 2017 he received a reimbursement grant check of \$5599.16 from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. The reimbursement to Forest County is for specific approved office expenses and wage offset.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Liesch to adjourn, seconded by Cundiff, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.