Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Date: Wednesday February 23rd 2022 Time: 3:00 P.M. Place: 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: Chaney, Berg, Spaude & Papapetru Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien & County Board Chair Gretzinger

Approve Agenda

Motion by Berg, to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Spaude, all present voting AYE. Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the Meeting

Motion by Chaney, to approve minutes of the Wednesday September 15th 2021 meeting, seconded by Berg, all present voting AYE. Motion carried

WDVA CVSO Grant Update

VSO reports WDVA Grant of \$8500 was increased to \$9350 for counties with a population less than 20,000. VSO explains he's already sent the annual application which assists the office in regards to budget needs.

Commission Meeting Mileage Update

VSO report beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for commissioners attending meetings with the use of a vehicle will be: 58.5 cents per mile driven. VSO explains that's an increase from .51 cents a mile established years ago.

Objective Veteran Smile Dental Program

VSO explains that "The Veterans Smile" new program provides FREE critical dental care for program eligible Veterans in need and which may not be covered by the VA. VSO advises that the only dental covered by the VA is it's a service connected condition or the veteran is being paid at the 100% disability compensation rate. The VSO advises that this is a groundbreaking bridge gap in coverage for veterans in need of dental care. OVS is a non-profit organization created to fill the gap and dental for the veteran, spouse, and dependents. All dental work is covered. VSO explains currently the program is in collaboration with Dental Association of WI. OVS pays the policy for Dental Associates CarePlus insurance program and all co-pays.

Iron Mountain VAMC Urgent Care Hours Update

VSO report that effective February 7th the OGJVAMC Urgent Care hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Office Updates

VSO reports the office is and has been since the first of the year. VSO extends his thanks to the American Legion Post 94 in Crandon for allowing him a space during the courthouse renovations.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

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