

Carroll County
Veterans' Assistance
Commission

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Danielle Eberle

Invocation: Led by Ellis Boughton

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Roll Call: Wayne Leonard, Doug Bergren, Walden Lee Gibbs, Ellis Boughton, Ernie Johnson, Joe Drozd, Lamoille Poffenberger, Susan Jacobs, Kevin Hovorka, Danielle Eberle, Ronda Rathje, Nelson Preston.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Kevin Hovorka; Carried

Agenda Approval: Motioned by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Ellis Boughton; Carried

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance as of June 25, 2025, was approximately \$12,000.00.
- Everything is paid through today. Received 2 bills that will be paid. Possibly change the budget year. It has always been skewed for half a year.
- Will get taxes within 2 weeks.
- Lanark Legion and VFW will pay 1 month of Veteran's Transit bill a year. They will use money collected from their poppy sales.

- Motion to approve, by Kevin Hovorka; Seconded by Joe Drozd; Carried.

Old Business:

- No word on Bills in Congress

New Business:

- Audit Update
 - Discussion was held. Carroll County Administrator and Wipfli both say that we do not have to do one. Motion was made by Lee Gibbs to skip the audit. Seconded by Kevin Hovorka. Motion carried.
- Overtime
 - VSO's need to work more hours due to clients expanding. Need to up work hours to 5 days a week (20 hours). Can not afford it with the current budget. Could possibly look at banking hours until next budget year. All were supplied with paperwork that shows that the county only gave us 0.01556% of the EAV and not the 0.0192% that they were supposed to. Need to explain to the county administrator that there was a mess up, recommending it as a mistake to the county. Discussed changing the current hours. This action will be postponed until next meeting.
- Increased Dental to 200% of Federal Poverty Code
 - There is a new VSO in Freeport. Wayne spoke with him about our dental program and will be sharing the information with him.
- What is our goal for the Reserve Fund?
 - Not applicable at this time due to not enough funds.
- Can we change our budget year?
 - Discussion was held that changing it to August 1st thru July 31st would eliminate the year being skewed. It could be changed simply by voting. Ellis Boughton made a motion to change it to August 1st through July 31st beginning this upcoming August. Doug Bergren seconded. Motion carried.
- Combine "Office supplies" and "Printing supplies" in "Administration".
 - Discussion was held about the 2 line items in the budget being combined into one. Ellis Boughton made a motion to combine them. Nelson Preston seconded. Motion carried.

- Should we be paying for flags with tax money?
 - Discussion was held in regards to buying flags for the flag poles outside the senior center building. We have purchased a few and have been repairing them over and over due to high winds outside this building. There was talk about seeing if each legion/VFW would buy a flag for out front or writing a letter to congressmen. Harold Andresen wanted the memorial out front, so Lee will talk to him about the flags to be purchased thru the Carroll County Memorial Fund. Discussion was held in regards to each legion and VFW donate \$100 to the Carroll County Memorial Fund and they would replace the flags like they do for the ones at the courthouse. Legions/VFWs would report back at the next meeting as to possible donations. A motion was made by Kevin Hovorka to stop buying flags with tax money. Nelson Preston seconded it. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

- Talked to new VSO in Freeport about the Dental Program.
- Updated a second printer to a tank printer.
- Phone struck by lightening and need a new one but no money available.
- Wayne's laptop computer is about dead and need a new one. There are no funds to purchase one but Wayne suggested if he would buy one his own, might the VAC reimburse him later on.

Report from the Board President: Nothing

Public Comments: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Darlene Sisler for her service to the VAC.

Executive Session if any: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kevin Hovorka; Seconded by Joe Drozd; Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:58 pm