

Carroll County  
Veterans Assistance  
Commission

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 26th @ 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, Joe Drozd, Lamoille Poffenberger, Susan Jacobs, Kevin Hovorka, Ronda Rathje, Nelson Preston

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motioned by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Susan Jacobs; Carried

**Agenda Approval:** Motioned by Kevin Hovorka; Seconded by Joe Drozd; Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The balance as of February 28, 2025, was \$1030,557..
- All is decent with the exception of Transit. Transit is well used.
- Under designated gifts, there is \$50. The check has been written but not sent. It will be sent this week.
- Motion to approve, by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Kevin Hovorka; Carried.

### **Old Business:**

- The attorney for the Estate called stating that the attorney fees for the Vet's spouse were taken care of.
- Ronda completed her class and is a VSO.

### **New Business:**

- Ronda – now a VSO – pay raise? Discussion was held as to what the rate should be. Wayne will look it up. Vote was taken to raise Ronda's pay to starting VSO rate. Motion made by Susan Jacobs; Seconded by Joe Drozd. Motion carried.
- We have to do an audit this year. Discussion was held about this as it has to be a forensic audit. The county administrator is working on getting a deal with who did theirs. This audit needs to be done by November 2025.
- Bill to elect VSO officers (VAC leadership would be ran by elected officials). Letters were signed by all present in opposition with this. The letter will be sent down state.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Will be updating 2 printers to tank printers as the cost of ink is cheaper.
- Will be updating laptops to desktops.
- Will be updating our power strips in the office to surge protectors.
- Bill to allow counties to join together for VACS – SB2018. A petition was passed in opposition of said bill to mail downstate.
- Quarterly report was discussed.

**Report from the Board President:** We will be sitting in a booth for the Carroll County Fair on August 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session if any:** None

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

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:42 pm