

Carroll County  
Veterans Assistance  
Commission

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sep 25, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. by Danielle Eberle

**Invocation:** Led by Ellis Boughton

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all

**Roll Call:** Wayne Leonard, Doug Bergren, Danielle Eberle, Ernie Johnson, Ellis Boughton, Joe Drozd, Kevin Hovorka, Lamoille Poffenberger, Susan Jacobs, Darlene Sisler, Nelson Preston, Guests: Julie Bickelhaupt, Bob Jachnicki

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

**Agenda Approval:** Motioned by Ellis Boughton; Seconded by Keven Hovorka; Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The balance as of Aug 30, 2024, was \$46,472.02.
- We will not have a reserve at the end of the year.
- We will need .02 so we can start building up a reserve.
- Motion to approve, pending audit, by Kevin Hovorka; Seconded by Ernie Johnson; Carried.

### **Old Business:**

- We thanked Susan Jacobs and the Seventh-Day Adventist church for the file cabinet. It is already full, and we could use another one. Susan said we could have one.
- We have three vets going through the Dental Program currently. One of them new.

### **New Business:**

- Wayne is not going to purchase a new laptop currently, until we are surer of our finances.
- The county administrator said that he would discuss our audit with the treasurer to see if doing a scope audit with the county auditor would be possible.
- The budget will be carried to next year. Voted on and carried.
- Legal advice from Peoria stated that we cannot violate HIPPA by giving names of financial assistance veterans to the county.
- Donated tools will be disposed of appropriately.
- Getting a portable air conditioner is on hold for now because of installation restrictions.

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

- We've had 25 new clients sign up since the last quarterly meeting.
- Compensation for veterans so far this year is at \$1,111,456.
- Ellis drove in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Savanna and the Labor Day Parade in Shannon to throw out candy.
- Doug was at the legion booth at the Carroll County Fair.
- We purchased an air purifier for the office.
- We filed 39 claims and 12 appeals.

**Report from the Board President:** None

**Discussion:** Questions were asked about the unequal funding burden placed on Counties that use taxpayers' money to support veterans and having to help veterans from other counties who don't offer services to help their veterans. The VAC office cannot refuse veterans.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session if any:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Lamoille Poffenberger; Carried.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:48 pm