

**JEFFERSON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

December 17, 2019

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Ave., Rm 112
Jefferson, WI 53549

Commission Members:

Timothy Anhalt, Michael Clish, Joseph Naylor, Jim Seidl, Augie Tietz

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Seidl at 3:36 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Veterans Service Commission Members present were: Tim Anhalt, Michael Clish, Joseph Naylor and Jim Seidl.
Excused: Augie Tietz
Others Present: Yvonne Duesterhoeft, Veterans Service Officer; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator and J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel.
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law**
Staff certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Review of Agenda**
No changes were made.
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Approval of minutes from August 21, 2019 commission meeting**
Minutes were provided for review.
Motion by Anhalt/Seidl to approve the August 21, 2019 meeting minutes as revised. Motion passed 4-0.
7. **Communications**
 - In the future a quarterly report of donations will be entered into the minutes.
8. **Review of Aid Granted to date and discussion of potential exceptions to policy**
Future Review of Aid Granted will be done in January so that the data represents the full calendar year. No action taken.
9. **Review of Veterans Service Commission charter and aid policy**
No action taken.
10. **Discussion of temporary housing solutions for homeless Veterans**
Duesterhoeft mentioned a potential project with St. Coletta. No action taken.
11. **Discussion and possible action on interfacing with Jefferson County Veterans Foundation**
The commission members discussed financial processes between the Veterans Service Commission and the Jefferson County Veterans Foundation. No action taken.
12. **Discussion of Veterans events/private donations**
Duesterhoeft talked about a fund raising opportunity - Modern Warrior Live coming to UW Whitewater in 2020. No action taken.
13. **Discussion and possible action on staffing level/workload of CVSO office**
Duesterhoeft discussed the possibility of eliminating the current part time position and look into creating a new work study or intern position in the CVSO office. The Commission will consider forwarding a resolution or letter to the County Board in support of this staffing change. No action taken.

14. **Set Commission's meeting date and discuss potential items for future agendas:**

The next Veterans Service Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, followed by a Foundation meeting at the Legion in Lake Mills.

- Approval of minutes from December 17, 2019 commission meeting
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15. **Adjourn**

Motion by Clish/Seidl to adjourn at 4:48 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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2019 Donations

Donation 2019 0214 - Calvin Taylor (CASH) 100.00
Donation 2019 0227 - Carothers Rollie- (Gift cards) 60.00
Donation 2019 0311 - AL Post 67 Lake Mills (CASH) 75.00
Donation 2019 0410 - VFW WTTN Post 3709- (CASH) 150.00
Donation 2019 0416 - Masonic Lodge-OEST- (CASH) 702.00
Donation 2019 0606 - AL Post 189 Watertown (CASH) 200.00
Donation 2019 0611 - Frostie Freeze Fort- (CASH) 429.47
Donation 2019 0807 - Donna Russo- (CASH) 20.00
Donation 2019 1104 - Jefferson American Legion- 00 (Gift cards) 500.00
Donation 20191114 - VFW 1879- (Gift cards) 300.00
Donation 20191122 – DAV Chp 63 (check) 500.00
Donation 20191211 – VVA Chp 409 (Giftcards) 350.00
Donation 2019 1227 - Calvin Taylor's daughter (Check) 100.00

\$100.00

\$60.00

\$75.00

\$150.00

\$702.00

\$200.00

\$429.47

\$20.00

\$500.00

\$300.00

\$500.00

\$350.00

\$100.00

\$3,486.47 Total



William F. Jannke III, 58, of Watertown, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at his home.

William was born on February 12, 1961, the oldest child of William and Phyllis (Jacobs) Jannke II. Bill's family settled in Watertown as early as 1847. A student of Lincoln Elementary School and a graduate of Watertown High School, Bill continued his education at Madison Area Technical College where he graduated in 1985 from the commercial arts program.

He used his sharp wit, ironic sense of humor and creative talents to support community marketing campaigns--and for ten years illustrated the "Did You Know?" cartoon factoids seen in the Jefferson County Tourism Guide from its inception in 1998.

In 1981, he was one of the founding members of the 'Dodge-Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society' and served as the group's president. He has been affiliated with the Watertown Historical Society since 1983 and served for over 20 years as president. In 1988, Bill founded the 'Watertown Player's, Inc', the city's very own community theater. Along with being a founding member of the Watertown Tourism Board and serving as its secretary for six years, he provided historic information and ideas that helped launch the mural program in downtown Watertown.

He also served as the president of the now defunct "Jefferson County Historic Alliance'. In 2011, the Watertown Main Street bridge was named in his honor. Along with writing several wonderful books documenting Watertown and Jefferson County history, Bill authored several plays and for over 25 years, has written and directed the annual Christmas play for the 'Watertown Historical Society', which is performed in the Octagon House Museum. He was an avid collector of Watertown memorabilia—especially post-cards, and was an enthusiastic collector of anything related to the Wizard of Oz. Many happy days were spent collecting books which overflowed his shelves and he enjoyed working at the Watertown Library book sales.

Bill was an exceptionally kind and thoughtful person—often selfless in the face of difficult personal circumstances. Despite losing his legs to diabetes at age 34—he successfully navigated the world on two-foot-high prosthetics and was prone to banging on them with his cane as the punch line to a comment.

We will miss him beyond words or measure—but his life will continue to be an inspiration to us all as an example of sheer perseverance. He had the option to get by on disability income—but instead chose to work up until the day of his unexpected death as the scanning clerk for the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office where he had been employed since September of 2007. Prior to that Bill worked at the Watertown Antiques Market on Water Street from 1997 to 2007.

Bill is survived by his brothers, Michael (Lillian) Jannke, Terrence Jannke and Scott (Joanne) Jannke; nieces Jessica, Valerie and Kimberly Jannke and nephews Ian, Jason, Skyler and Stone Jannke; cousins, Annette Weirick and Heidi Flanigan; Yvonne Duesterhoeft,

his constant champion and dear friend for over 20 years, and countless others who made his time on earth more enjoyable and meaningful. He was preceded in death by his parents William Jr. and Phyllis, brother, James and nephew Joseph Yates.

Hafemeister Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Watertown is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.hafemeisterfh.com

In lieu of flowers—Bill would have appreciated memorials that would benefit organizations close to his heart. A 'Go Fund Me' page has been set up to help with his funeral and memorial costs—and funds in excess of those needs will be donated in his memory to support his cherished causes. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-bill-jannke-historian-and-friend>

Please join us on February 8th at 11am for a service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 615 Jones Street-- followed immediately by a celebration of Bill's life at The Market, 210 South Water Street in Watertown, WI.



Assistance requested	Amount	Category	Date applied	PROGRAM	Notes	Remarks	Total
Transportation	\$54.45	Transportation	Jul. 07, 2019	VSC	Credit Card Expenditure \$54.45	Needs help getting to daughter funeral in Denver, CO	\$54.45
Food	\$50.00	Food	May. 10, 2019	Private Donation	1 - PNS GC (# 882986943) \$50.00	Had her propane tanks stolen from her trailer. She also needs money for groceries.	
Heating	\$137.04	Other	May. 10, 2019	VSC	Used CC. for Circle "K" Campgrounds, Ed @ 414-758-8677 owner will give receipt to us.	Someone stole the propane tanks from her trailer, now she doesn't have any heat or a way to cook.	\$187.04
Food	\$50.00	Food	Mar. 07, 2019	Private Donation	1 - WGC (#1607) \$50.00		\$50.00
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Jul. 24, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#8017369966 & #8017370006) \$50.00	Money management issues	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Aug. 06, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#301997000876 & #30197000926) \$50.00	Grant process is taking longer than expected	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Aug. 12, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#31197000965) \$25.00	Waiting on foodshare letter	
Food	\$100.00	Food	Aug. 16, 2019	VSC	4 - GC (KT #18140785, #18502354) & (PW #22058510, #22059484)	Hasn't been able to work because of a hernia	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Sep. 09, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#97000953, #97000813)		
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Sep. 23, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#4018502341, #18140758)		

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Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Sep. 26, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#18502338 & #18140808) \$50.00		
Gas	\$100.00	Transportation	Nov. 14, 2019	Donation	2 - KTGC (#31195858695 & 31195859065) \$100.00	Funeral	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Dec. 04, 2019	Donation	1 - KTGC (#7195859088) \$50.00		\$525.00
Rent	\$300.00	Rent	Jan. 10, 2019	VSC	Submitted voucher 01/10/2016 to assist with rent.	Receive eviction notice for not paying rent. Have been out of work since ankle injury.	\$300.00
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Jun. 17, 2019	VSC	2 KTGC (#6922988 & #6923028)	Recovering from a tree that fell on his trailer. Used up his emergency money and still needing help	\$50.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Oct. 22, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (97000988) \$25.00	Not working	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Nov. 04, 2019	Private Donation	1 - KTGC (1195858695) \$50.00	not working	\$75.00
Food	\$100.00	Food	Mar. 05, 2019	Private Donation	2 - WGC (#1606 & #1605) \$50 each from VVA.	Vet was unaware that Jefferson county Sheriff's department still had a unpaid ticket. The ticket prevents him from reinstating his drivers license.	
Food	\$50.00	Food	Mar. 21, 2019	Private Donation	1 - WGC (#9424) \$50.00	Needed to pay parking and traffic tickets and now has no money for food.	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Mar. 21, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#7368139)	Had to pay parking and traffic tickets and now has no money for food or gas.	

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Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 09, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#33176922953) \$25.00		
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 29, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#7368127) \$25.00	Not making enough to make ends meet and still driving an older truck that gets poor gas mileage.	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Jul. 24, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (9017368115) \$25.00	He was hit by a car while on his bike	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Aug. 13, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#197001005)		
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Sep. 09, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#2018140773)		\$200.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 20, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#4176923082) \$25.00		
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Dec. 17, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#7795895 & #77962226) \$50.00		
Food	\$100.00	Food	Dec. 17, 2019	DONATION	2 - WGC (#5024 & #5025) \$100.00		\$175.00
Gas	\$100.00	Transportation	Nov. 18, 2019	DONATION	2 - KTGC (#195859049 & #195859014) \$100.00		\$100.00
Car Payment	\$250.00	Transportation	Oct. 28, 2019	VSC	Credit Card payment to CNAC (JB Byrider Franchising, LLC)	Vet had open heart surgery 2 weeks ago and has been recovering at the VA.	\$250.00
Gas	\$100.00	Transportation	Aug. 29, 2019	VSC	4 - KTGC (#97000864, #97000914, #93902053, #9302103) \$100.00	Having some marital problems that has been causing a financial strain on the budget.	

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Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Jul. 09, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (7017369927) \$25.00	Short this month because of a ticket he didn't pay that would have sent to collections causing a warrant being put out for his arrest.	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Jul. 25, 2019	VSC	1 KTGC (#9017369915) \$25.00	Running short on gas	\$225.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Mar. 12, 2019	VSC	1 KTGC (#4017369981) \$25.00	Struggling making ends meet	
Food	\$100.00	Food	Mar. 12, 2019	Private Donation	2 WGC (#9421 & #9422) \$100.00	Struggling to make ends meet. Husband is laid off for the season.	
Gas \$ Food	\$75.00	Food	Apr. 24, 2019	VSC	1 Festival GC (#8582) \$50.00 & 1 KTGC (#176923005)\$25.00	Unable to maintain a budget	
Electric Bill	\$300.00	Utilities	May. 01, 2019	VSC	Submitted over phone (\$300.00)	Behind on utility bill (power was shut off)	\$500.00
Utilities	\$319.95	Utilities	Jun. 17, 2019	VSC	Paid over the phone with CC total of \$319.95		\$319.95
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Dec. 10, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#39193902076) \$25.00		
Gas	\$75.00	Transportation	Dec. 16, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#9018502365) \$25.00...1 - Walmart (#9037)	Unemployed	\$100.00
Gas	\$25.00	Rent	Apr. 18, 2019	VSC	1 KTGC (#6017368178) \$25.00	IRS taking \$500+/month -- short on gas to get to work	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Apr. 29, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#46017369978) \$25.00		
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 02, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#47016528507) \$25.00	Moving out of apartment	

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Gas	\$100.00	Transportation	Sep. 11, 2019	VSC	4 KTGC (#7000902, #3902090, #7000990, #3902049)	Unexpected house guest over staying their welcome.	
Gas	\$100.00	Transportation	Oct. 10, 2019	VSC	4 KTGC (#197000899, #197000949, #193902088, #197000848)	Finished chemo therapy	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Nov. 27, 2019	DONATION	1 - KTGC (#7195858718) \$50.00		
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Dec. 17, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#7795756 & #7795806) \$50.00	Out of work	
Food	\$100.00	Food	Dec. 17, 2019	DONATION	2 - WGC (#9020 & #9021) \$100.00	Out of work	\$500.00
Gas	\$75.00	Transportation	Jan. 15, 2019	VSC	KT Gas Card 7822138185098117 ...KT Gas Card 7822138185097937.. .KT Gas Card 7822139186213986	Family Emergency	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Jun. 05, 2019	VSC	2 KTGC (#923030 & #922949) \$50.00	Short on gas money	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Jul. 26, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#9176923016) \$25.00		
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Nov. 01, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#197000937 & #197000887) \$50.00		\$200.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 10, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#34176923082) \$25.00	To get to appointments	\$25.00

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Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Jan. 21, 2019	VSC	1 KTGC (#369955) \$25.00 F.O.	VAMC has sent some over due co-pays to collection. The US Treasury will be garnishing his SS until it has been paid back.	\$50.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Apr. 15, 2019	VSC	1 KTGC (#31176922965) \$25.00	Needs gas to look for a new job. Is going to school @ MATC to get Associates in Accounting.	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	May. 07, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#32176923094) \$25.00	Not able to budget, needing gas to get to classes	\$50.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Jan. 31, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#76923056) \$25.00	VA Van keys were forzen in the key lock box. Volunteer Driver used his personal vehicle to take him to the VAMC	
Birth Certificates	\$220.00	Other	Sep. 25, 2019	VSC	Birth certificate cost \$110.00 X 2 = \$220.00	Didn't have the funds or computer to order birth certificates	\$220.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Sep. 09, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#197000852)		\$25.00
GAS	\$50.00	Transportation	Jul. 15, 2019	VSC	2 KTGC (#76923117, #76923016) \$50.00	Lost his job (Customer Service Rep)	
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Aug. 12, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#31197000825) \$25.00	Has been out of work for a month and running short.	
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Sep. 12, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#4018140761, #4018140811)		
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Dec. 12, 2019	VCS	2 - KTGC (#97000976 & #18140796) \$50.00	Unemployed	\$175.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Sep. 19, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#9018140745)		\$25.00
Food	\$50.00	Food	Jul. 16, 2019	Private Donation	1 FFGC (#10971458590)	Money management problem	

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Gas	\$40.00	Transportation	Jul. 16, 2019	Private Donation	2 KTGC (#17728425 & #17728437) \$40.00	Money management problem	\$90.00
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	May. 30, 2019	VSC	2 - KTGC (#76923132, #76922990) \$50.00		\$50.00
Food & Gas	\$50.00	Food	Aug. 09, 2019	VSC	2 - Gift cards (KT #31193902065 & PW #30022058502)	Lost his source of employment and place to park his motorhome.	
OTHER	\$77.26	Other	Aug. 18, 2019	VSC	Low income, No funds to move forward in the name change process. Credit Card charge \$77.26	Help Change his legal name	\$127.26
Gas	\$50.00	Transportation	Jun. 17, 2019	VSC	2 KTGC (#6176923079 & #6176923129) \$50.00	Was having trouble with landlord. Had to move but still had to pay rent and new rent for farm house.	
Food	\$75.00	Food	Jun. 17, 2019	Private Donation	1 WGC (#9423) \$50.00... 1 PNS (#986950) \$25.00	Was having trouble with landlord. Had to move but still had to pay rent and new rent for farm house.	\$125.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Dec. 12, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#9197000836) \$25.00	Gas card was taken home by previous driver and current driver used his own money to put \$25.00 of gas in tank	\$25.00
Gas	\$25.00	Transportation	Apr. 01, 2019	VSC	1 - KTGC (#30176923106) \$25.00	Running low on gas and has an appointment at the VA	\$25.00
Vehicle repair	\$135.04	Transportation	Mar. 12, 2019	VSC	VSC - CC Tire-Rifik for \$135.04	Van had a flat tire, pulled into Clark gas station. Owner was to have it towed if it was not moved by 3/12/2019.	\$135.04

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FOOD	\$50.00	Food	Feb. 07, 2019	Private Donor	1 - WMGC (#66841604) \$50.00...\$25 for diapers...\$5 for wipes...\$20 for snacks (for Will in DOM #123)	Family account overdrawn while vet Participating in rehab program.	\$50.00

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