

JEFFERSON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 6, 2018

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

Commission Members:

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

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Duesterhoeft at 3:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Veterans Service Commission Members present were:
Joseph Naylor, Augie Tietz and Michael Clish.

Via telephone: Jim Seidl

Excused: Timothy Finn

Others Present: Yvonne Duesterhoeft, Veterans Service Officer; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel, and Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair.
3. **Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law**
Staff certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Review of Agenda**
Item 6 was moved back to accommodate commission members.
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
Motion by Tietz/Clish to nominate Seidl for Chair.
Motion by Tietz/Naylor to close the nominations. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion by Clish/Tietz to nominate Naylor for Vice Chair.
Motion by Tietz/Clish to close the nominations. Motion passed 3-0.
7. **Approval of minutes from October 26, 2018 commission meeting**
Minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Tietz/Naylor to approve the October 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 3-0.
8. **Communications**
Email from the Jefferson County Masonic Lodge stating that they would like to make a “not insignificant donation”. They are waiting for our 501(c)(3) designation before they make the donation. No action taken.
9. **Discussion and possible action on establishing a Veterans Foundation**
A Resolution “Applying for Recognition of Exemptions Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to administer the Friends of Jefferson County Veterans, Inc. as a tax exempt organization” and draft bylaws were provided for review. Ward discussed the information. The commission will review this information and discussed it at the next meeting. It was suggested to name the Foundation Jefferson County Veterans Foundation. No action taken.
10. **Discussion and possible action on Veterans Service Commission charter and aid policy**
A Statement of Policy for Jefferson County Veterans Service Commission was provided for review. The commission discussed revisions. Duesterhoeft will email the related documents for review. The commission will review this information and discuss it at the next meeting. No action taken.

11. **Discussion and possible action on establishing a Veterans Service Loan Guarantee Program**
Duesterhoeft will email the documents related to the Veterans Service Loan Guarantee Program for review. The commission will review this information and discuss it at the next meeting. No action taken.
12. **Discussion and possible action on temporary housing solutions for homeless veterans**
The commission discussed providing aid to a family in an extraordinary circumstance.

Motion by Naylor/Clish to entrust Duesterhoeft to use her best judgment in this situation and if the veteran is eligible and willing to participate in a transitional inpatient treatment program she is authorized to spend \$500 in the Wisconsin spouse's name for the cost of the flight back to Wisconsin. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed tiny houses and foreclosed homes as an option to help homeless veterans. This may be something that the foundation could consider. Naylor supports the idea of gathering more information to be brought back to the commission for continued discussion. No action taken.
13. **Discussion of Veterans events/private donations**
Duesterhoeft gave an update on private donations. A full report will be provided for all 2018 donations at the December meeting. Naylor said that every school in Lake Mills had a Veterans Day celebration. Naylor presented a check from the 10th Annual Naylor Golf Classic outing in the amount of \$4,000. No action taken.
14. **Set Commission's meeting date and discuss potential items for future agendas:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 27th at 2:00 p.m.
 - Approval of minutes from December 6, 2018 commission meeting
 - Discussion and possible action on establishing a Veterans Foundation
 - Discussion of Veterans events/private donations
 - Discussion and possible action on acceptations to veterans service aid policy
 - Discussion and possible action on temporary housing solutions for homeless veterans
15. **Adjourn**
Motion by Tietz/Clish to adjourn at 5:06 p.m. Motion approved 4-0.