



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President: James Grandgenett
Commissioner Vice Chairwoman/Secretary: Carole Bernhard
Commissioner Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner Troy Brandt
Commissioner Gary Forsythe

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting January 9, 2025 at 4:45p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.
3. Roll Call. Present: All Commissioners present.
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
 - a. METRICS:

I. Number of Claims in System:

- i. Open Claims: 39
- ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 15
- iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
- iv. Claims in Development: 15
- v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 2
- vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 2
- vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
- viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 4
- ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1241

II. Other Federal And State Programs:

- i. Number of Iowa Veteran Trust funds (IVTF) applications submitted/approved YTD: None
- ii. Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants YTD: None
- iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County: 1

- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Commission reviewed Directors Activities for DEC2024_(Handout).

- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary DEC2024 (Handout) and Quarterly Report (OCT-DEC).
- d. VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features) Director Green provided a snapshot of VetPro reports:
 - i. Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: DEC2024
 - ii. Forms created: 94 Forms scanned/Submitted: 78
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision DEC2024* Monthly award: \$9,481.64: Retro: \$35,323.73
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$51,035.55 Retro: \$193,863.72
- v. AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress). Numbers will be adjusted based upon transfers in and out of the county, deaths of veterans and new claims adjudicated and recorded in the program.
 - (1) SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$38,285.40 RETRO: \$242,299.10
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$13,848.14 RETRO: \$40,197.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$654,274.40 RETRO: \$2,759,456.00
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$32,295.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$42,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$8,919.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$935.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 14
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 58
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$156,076.90
- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed VA VBA December 19, 2024 and required Annual Training on HIPAA/PII, Privacy Act and Info Security, Rules of Behavior, and VA Employee Certification.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green does not have any outreach scheduled for January/February. Medical Unit scheduled for March.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green continues to await information from Mr. Morey on County Binders on an estimated cost for grave records scanning Book 4 and the Count Veterans War Binder. Delay is due to Mr. Morey's medical recovery.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: JAN25, IDVA Legislative Proposals Code Revision, Veteran Trust Fund, IDVA Veteran Benefits Flyer, IDVA County VSO Reimbursement Form.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission.
- b. Director Green informed the Commission that the recruitment of new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments continues to be a work-in-progress. He is working on ways to bring in new drivers; current drivers are limited in what they can assist with.
- c. Discussed Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- d. Briefly discussed the proposed rating changes by VA for 2025.
- e. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 17:38pm.

Carole A. Bernhard

SIGNED:

13 Feb 25

DATE