

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
January 10, 2017**

The following are the open minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Green Lake County Veterans Service Commission held in the Veterans Service Office at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI, at 10:30 A.M. on January 10, 2017

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, Tony Soda, and Jon Vandeyacht, Secretary.

**Certification of Open Meeting Law:** The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Chairman Shrock.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** After discussion, Soda made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appearances & Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** Vandeyacht reported that Robert Burdick was reappointed by the county board for a three-year term.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2017 Service Commission budget has been approved after a minor modification. The Budget was reduced by approx. 3% from the previous year.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2016-year transportation budget finished slightly better than expected. There was less of a demand for the services due to the passing of 2 county veterans. 2 new Veterans have started to use the program. There was an increase in receipt of cost share from the Veterans using the program.

**New Business:** Vandeyacht reported that the 2017 Student Government Day will take place 18 April which is the week following the next service commission meeting. Planning was in the early stages and it was asked if any of the service commissioners had suggestions or ideas on this year's speaker.

Vandeyacht reported that the WDVA Transportation Grant was approved and received. It was \$2,507.66 The first half of the 2017 WDVA CVSO Reimbursement Grant had been submitted.

Vandeyacht reported that Green Lake County Finance Committee and County board required a 2.44% budget reduction. The reduction of \$3,000 has been removed from the

transportation funds. “We will have to be a little more stringent on absorbing the costs for Veterans.”

**Service Office Report:** Vandeyacht reported that for the year of 2016: contacts were down 17%, mail was down 7% and VA hospital trips are down 5% as compared to 2015.

Vandeyacht reported that he will attend the WICVSOA Spring conference in April in Bayfield. The training is required for him to maintain accreditation. The fall 2017 WICVSOA Conference will be in Oshkosh, WI

Vandeyacht reported that due to the reduced price in fuel and groceries that the COLA for 2017 is 0.3%, which will average about \$4 per person on Disability and Social Security. The county's 2017 reimbursement rate for mileage was reduced to \$0.535.

Vandeyacht reported that he was originally working on a new fee structure for the provided transportation program. Due to the excess funds remaining from 2016 and a larger than expected transportation grant, he will not be implementing a cost share increase for 2017. He will revisit the cost share for 2018 during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017.

Vandeyacht reported that there have been 52 Veteran deaths in Green Lake County during 2016

**Financial Report:** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Date:** The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 10:30

**Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c)** After discussion, Soda made a motion to move to closed session: second by Burdick. Roll call vote: Soda-aye, Burdick-aye, Shrock-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

**Return to Open Session for Decision:** After discussion, Soda made a motion to approve vouchers for the claims submitted. Second by Burdick. All ayes, motion carried..

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. on a motion by Soda. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon D. Vandeyacht  
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission