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Minutes

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs
Monday December 12, 2022
Story County Veterans Affairs @ 1600
126 South Kellogg Suite 001, Conference Room Ames

Roll Call:

Attendance: Director, Brett McLain, Secretary: Beth Hartmann, CVSO Erin Rewerts.

By Phone: Vice Chair: Luke Vance, Monty Woodward, Amy Rosenberg

Absent: Chair Nicolas Briseno

Open Meeting, 1600: Monty Woodward Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence.

Guests: Timothy (Shawn) Hippen – US Army Retired

Chief, Center of Development/Civic Engagement and Outreach

Veterans Transportation. \$3500/year. Lease of van from GSA. VA pays maintenance. Regular van for any VA appointment, care in the community, etc. Volunteer drivers must provide insurance. Can only take ambulatory patients. No wheelchairs or oxygen allowed. Passengers must be able to load and unload themselves. Story County VA should send letter to request a GSA vehicle. Will let Shawn know after January 9, 2023, Commission meeting. Monty makes a motion to **table** until meeting on 9th. Beth seconds. Motion carries.

1. **Meeting Minutes November.** Not available. **Table for next month.**
2. **Certification and approval of claims.** None.
3. **Director's Monthly Report** – November numbers presented. Amy makes a motion to keep First Contact. Luke seconds. Motion carries. 41.6% expended to date.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Budget work session with the Board of Supervisors **1.12.23 at 3pm.** Commissioners will decide who can attend during their meeting on January 9, 2023.
 - b. VA Manual to the Board of Supervisors meeting **12.20.2022 at 10 am.** Commissioners may attend if they'd like.
 - c. Commissioners pay and travel claims, due **12.13.2022 at 3 pm.**
 - d. Justification for a new CVSO position, 5 up 5 down. **Tabled.** Pact Act activity.
 - e. Story County Veterans Court; working with Tim Meals, Russel Wood with Central Iowa Community Services. Some interest. Brett will meet with them.
 - f. State of Iowa VFW Mid-winter Conference Jan 27-29, 2023. Brett will attend.
 - g. Hometown outreach: January 11 Roland at City Hall 9-5; January 25 Nevada at City Hall 9-5
 - h. Coffee with the Commissioners idea – Brett. Commissioners are open to this idea. Amy will investigate Copper Spaces and other places in Nevada. Beth will think of spaces in Ames.

5. **Old Business:**
 - a. VA Leased Van \$3500 per year need to order by 1.2.2023. Changed to 1.10.2023 in this meeting.
 - b. Supermarket 2022 report
 - c. Veterans Day at the State Capitol January 18, 2023. Commissioners welcome. Leave at 0730.
 - d. National Wreaths Across America, December 17th at Ames Municipal Cemetery at 11:00am.
 - e. Inputs, ideas, and referrals from the Commission
 - f. **Next meeting Monday January 9, 2023 at 4 pm (1600) at Story County Veterans Affairs.**

6. **Motion to Adjourn.** Luke makes a motion. Amy seconds. Motion carries.