



# OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**Commissioners:**  
Bob Grimes, Chairman  
Laurel Degelau  
Randy Kessler

## MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – May 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Bob Grimes. Also in attendance were Commissioner Laurel Degelau, Commissioner Randy Kessler, Director Kevin Huseboe, County Veterans Service Officer Shari Coughenour.

Grimes moved to approve regular minutes dated April 5, 2023, second by Degelau. Motion carried 3-0.

Kessler moved to approve the claims, second by Degelau. Motion carried 3-0.

### Director Report:

- Huseboe will be talking to Ernst and Grassley staff regarding establishing a service dog program for Veterans on May 11.
- Huseboe has arranged for additional food boxes from Food Box of Iowa.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church has donated forty \$25 gift cards for distribution to veterans.
- Huseboe is taking new orders for Veterans Banners.
- The annex parking lot has been striped, with additional handicap spaces close to the sidewalk. There have been several complaints by veterans using walkers that the routes from the city street handicap spots are not easily navigable.
- Coughenour has completed NACVSO certification and will request the Commission to approve the budgeted wage increase at the next meeting.
- General Assistance. May 31 – all day, offices closed. Training in Des Moines for General Assistance training. Brief discussion on setting administrative procedure for application review and submittals. General Assistance has an annual budget of \$10,000. In 2023-2024 the funding was exhausted in mid-January with 42 applications received. There were 22 applications in 2022-2023.
- May 20 – Huseboe will be attending the Veterans Olympics at the Iowa Events Center, he was asked to speak.
- May 26 – offices closed. Dignitaries will be at IVH for the Home Base Iowa Initiative, begins at 9:00 a.m.
- June 1 – offices closed. Food Box of Iowa Conference in Des Moines.
- June 12 - Women's Veterans Day

### Outreach Events:

- April 29 - CAPS Garden Event at Veterans Memorial Coliseum. 150 tote bags were distributed and included brochures from other agencies.
- May 3 - I-Works job fair and Food Bank distribution was a huge success, distributing over 200 boxes to both veterans and others.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huseboe,  
Director