



## **COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Mandy Coates, Director  
Bill Blanchard, Chairperson  
Larry Hingtgen, Secretary

JoAnne Downes  
Chad Gerdes  
Ines Beltre

Formal Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 17:00 by Blanchard

Present: Bill Blanchard, JoAnne Downes, Chad Gerdes, Larry Hingtgen, and Mandy Coates. Guests: Nathan Peters, Johnson County Attorney's Office.

Unless noted, all actions were taken unanimously

1. Motion by Gerdes, second by Hingtgen to approve the December minutes
2. Motion by Downes, second by Gerdes to approve the December vouchers
3. Department is 33% spent in budget, usually, we are around 45% to 50% spent. Director does not draw health insurance through county, and salary has changed due to the turnover. Expenditures will increase with new hire and updated advertising, promotional materials and events with State Allocation funds. Federal Revenue from Disability and Pension Claims for Johnson County was \$2,876,979.00 in the month of December.
4. New CVSO is scheduled to start February 10<sup>th</sup>
5. Commissioner Beltre and Hingtgen terms are up in June. Discussed procedures for new appointments and Commission will review applications and provide their suggestions in our formal meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
6. Code of Iowa Chapter 35B was reviewed with updates for 2025
7. Johnson County Veterans Affairs will propose to be changed to Johnson County Veterans Services to the Board of Supervisors after hearing back from the County Attorney. Motion by Downes, second by Hingtgen to approve name change upon approval from the Board of Supervisors
8. Discussion was had regarding the change of having a county attorney sit in at the Commission Meetings
9. Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 17:30

Recorded by Mandy Coates

These minutes will be presented to the Secretary for approval during our February 2025 meeting.

2/18/2025

Date:

Signature on File

Secretary or Alternate