



COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mandy Coates, Director	JoAnne Downes
Bill Blanchard, Chairperson	Jacob Korbakes
Larry Hingtgen, Secretary	Tera Denial

Formal Meeting Minutes
Health and Human Services Building
855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
Conference Room 203 B
June 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 17:00 by Blanchard

Present: Bill Blanchard, Jake Korbakes, Larry Hingtgen, JoAnne Downes, Tera Denial and Mandy Coates.
Guests: Joshua Brown, Veterans Services and Nathan Peters, Johnson County Attorney's Office

Unless noted, all actions were taken unanimously

1. Call to order
2. I-9 and bank account information was not presented to HR, as they did not come, later stating that they didn't know when the meeting was and didn't have it on their calendar and other options were discussed
3. Commission and new Commissioner introduced themselves to each other.
4. Motion by Korbakes, second by Hingtgen to approve the May minutes
5. Motion by Downes, second by Korbakes to approve the May vouchers
6. Budget is at 68% utilized. Federal revenue for Johnson County from VA Compensation and Pension payments was \$3,537,578.00. Coates and Brown attended the NACVSO Annual Conference, VHA Stakeholder Event and District One meeting for training. Coates informed the Commission that they will table at Pride June 20th. Coates met with Peggy Dickey, ICVHA suicide prevention team and interviewed with KCRG TV9 which aired on Memorial Day. Coates informed Commission on Veteran and Spouse issue and placing a potential fraudulent claim as they were listed as divorced on the death certificate. Coates presented the commission with the claim forms submitted for the month and phone call data.
7. Coates informed Commission on NACVSO and District 1 meeting information provided
8. Coates briefed Commission regarding SF93 which will allow National Guard and Reserve members to be eligible to hold a seat on the VA Commission
9. Coates briefed Commission regarding letter from Todd Jacobus, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Commander, regarding his training requirements and wants
10. JoAnne Downs resigned from the Commission

Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 17:45

Recorded by Mandy Coates

These minutes will be presented to the Secretary for approval during our July 2026 meeting.

7/21/2026

Date:

Signature on File

Secretary or Alternate