

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes
Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Board of Commissioner's Board Room, Kearney, NE

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on July 14, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was made available to the public for this meeting and for anyone who wishes to have a copy.

Roll Call-

Committee members present were Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Absent: Richard Bock. Also in attendance was Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey and Office Clerk Amanda Forney.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on July 9th, 2026 in the Kearney Hub and in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and also available on the Buffalo County Veteran Services Website.

Approval of Minutes-

The minutes of the June 9, 2026 meeting were previously provided to the Committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to accept the June 9, 2026 minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Starkey presented the current limits for County Veterans Aid as passed by this Committee on April 19, 2017 and June 11, 2024. Discussion was held. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Brodine to approve the current limits for County Veteran's Aid as drafted. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VSO Starkey proposed the addition of Urgent Mental Health Treatment to the County Veteran's Aid limits with the Committee. Discussion ensued. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Brodine to approve the establishment for County Veteran's Aid for Urgent Mental Health Treatment. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VSO Starkey reviewed a request for aid for Veteran B.J. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$525 (mental healthcare). After discussion, it was moved

by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to approve the requested amount. Upon vote, the motion passed.

VSO Starkey reviewed the Veteran Service Office Performance for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2026 with the Committee. Discussion ensued.

VSO Starkey provided an office update to the Committee. Copies of the handouts are available in the Clerk's Office.

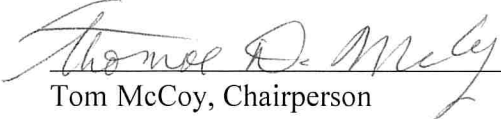
Mileage Claims-

The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

No one addressed the Committee.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:28 P.M. until Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. in the Buffalo County Boardroom.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee



Date