

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

**Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Board of Commissioner' Board Room, Kearney, NE**

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on October 8, 2024 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 posted at the back of the Board Room.

Roll Call-

Committee members present were Richard Bock, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Absent: Stanley Brodine. Also in attendance Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Assistant Veteran's Service Officer Kollin Forney, Veteran's Office Manager Linda Jones and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on October 3, 2024, 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 September 10, 2024 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Bock and seconded by Mitchell to accept the September 10, 2024 minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran J.G. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$1,181.92 (mortgage). Moved by Bock and seconded by Harpst to approve the requested amount. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran T.V.'s surviving spouse to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$1,400.00

(headstone). After discussion it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to approve the requested amount. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey introduced new employee Kollin Forney as Assistant Veteran's Service Officer for the Buffalo County Veteran Office. The Committee welcomed him to the team.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented an update from the Veterans Service Office about the VA Gross Expenditures for the 2023 year. Discussion occurred.


Mileage Claims-

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

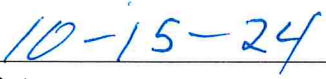
Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

No one addressed the Committee.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M. until Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. Upon vote, the motion passed.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee



Date