

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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 14, 2025 at 3:58 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 were Commissioners Myron Kouba, Bill Maendele, Ivan Klein as well as Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) Matthew Starkey, Veteran Service Officer Kollin Forney and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie Kramer.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on October 9, 2025, 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 9, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the September 9, 2025 minutes. Absent: Brodine. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed.

Regular Agenda-

There was no request for veteran aid for the month of October.

VSO Starkey reviewed the proposal for a County "Veteran of the Month". Discussion occurred. VSO Starkey will create an application for nominations and present it to the committee once complete. Starkey stated that the Veteran of the month will most likely begin in January 2026. A copy of the information is on file with the Clerk's Office.

VSO Starkey stated that requests for veteran aid are being requested but not coming back fully completed. He stated that Veterans are requesting help far after the most beneficial time for the Committee to assist and are unable to help in time. He encourages Veterans in need to ask for help after the first notice of financial struggles vs. months into financial struggle this way the Committee has a chance to review the application and help before these struggles become irreversible.

Correspondence – None.

Mileage Claims-

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

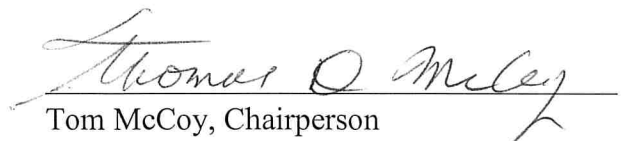
Regular Agenda-

After discussion of the alternate date for the regularly scheduled Veteran Committee meeting, which falls on Veterans Day it was moved by Bock and seconded Harpst by to hold the next Veteran Committee meeting on November 18, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. in the Buffalo County Board room. Absent: Brodine. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

No one addressed the Committee.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M. until Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 4:00P.M.


Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

10-20-25
Date