

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 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 December 9, 2025 at 3:59 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 Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Absent: Richard Bock. Also in attendance were Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) Matthew Starkey, VSO Kollin Forney, Veteran Office Manager Linda Jones and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie Kramer were present.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on December 4, 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 November 18, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to accept the November 18, 2025 minutes. Absent: Bock. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Regular Agenda-

VSO Starkey reviewed a request for aid for Veteran B.F. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$2,153.60 (mortgage, food and utilities). After discussion it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to approve the requested amount and also provide an additional \$1,491.78 for the January mortgage with the condition that Veteran B.F. submit a budget plan to VSO Starkey before the additional \$1,491.78 is paid. Absent: Bock. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Veteran Office Manager Jones reviewed a request for aid for Veteran A.H. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$1,250.00 (rent and food). After discussion it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Brodine to approve the requested amount. Absent: Bock. Upon vote, the motion passed.

VSO Starkey updated the committee on Veteran-centered Legislation in the Unicameral and gave an update on the progress with veteran motor vehicle tax exemptions process. VSO Starkey presented an office update to the committee and presented the FY 2024 summary of expenditures to the committee a copy is on file with the County Clerk's Office. Discussion occurred.

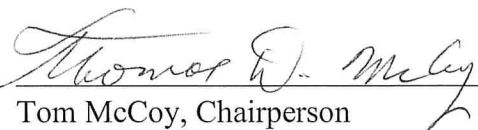
Mileage Claims-

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

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

Committee member Brodine thanked VSO Starkey for attending a veteran dinner out in Elm Creek over the weekend and appreciated his presence there. Chairperson McCoy commented on the Buffalo County Christmas party.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting Sine Die at 4:28 P.M. until Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 4:00P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

12-17-25
Date