

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 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 August 12, 2025 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, Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst and Tom McCoy. Absent: Lisa Mitchell. Also in attendance were Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) Matthew Starkey, Veteran Service Officer Kollin Forney, Veteran Office Manager Linda Jones and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie Kramer.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on August 7, 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 July 8, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the July 8, 2025 minutes. Absent: Mitchell. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed.

Regular Agenda-

VSO Starkey reviewed a request for aid for Veteran S.B. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$629.08 (Utilities). After discussion it was moved by Bock and seconded by Bodine to approve the requested amount of \$629.08 (Utilities) and contingent upon the veteran establishing a budget plan and presenting it to VSO Starkey an additional \$1,058.50 (Rent and Auto). Absent: Mitchell. Upon vote, the motion passed.

VSO Starkey reviewed the proposal for a County "Veteran of the Month". After discussion it was moved by Bock and seconded by Harpst to submit the proposed for a County "Veteran of the Month" to the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners. Absent: Mitchell. Upon vote, the motion passed.

County VSO Starkey gave an office update and discussion occurred. A copy of the office update packet is on file with the Clerk's Office.

VSO Starkey reviewed County Veteran Service Office goals for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to the Committee. After discussion it was moved by Bock and seconded by Harpst to approve the County Veteran Service Office goals for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Absent: Mitchell. Upon vote, the motion passed.

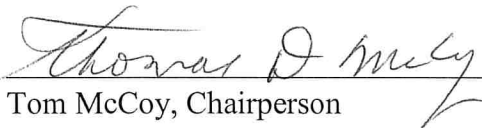
Mileage Claims-

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 4:31 P.M. until Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 4:00P.M.


Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

8-25-25
Date