

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Board of Commissioner' Board Room, Kearney, NE

Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie Kramer called the Reorganization Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order 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, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Also in attendance, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey as well as County Commissioners Myron Kouba and Ivan Klein.

Nominations-

Buffalo County Office Clerk Kramer called for the election of a new Chairperson. Committee member Harpst nominated Tom McCoy for Chairperson of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Bock seconded the nomination. Buffalo County Office Clerk Kramer called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom McCoy. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed. Tom McCoy is the 2026 Veteran Service Committee Chairperson.

County Office Clerk Kramer turned the meeting over to Chairperson McCoy.

Chairperson McCoy called for the election of a new Vice-Chairperson. Committee Member Bock nominated Robert Harpst as Vice-Chairperson of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Mitchell seconded the nomination. Chairperson McCoy called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and the nominations ceased with a unanimous ballot for Robert Harpst. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Robert Harpst is the 2026 Veteran Service Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson McCoy called for the election of a new Secretary of the Veteran's Service Committee. Committee Member Bock nominated Stanley Brodine as Secretary of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Harpst seconded the nomination. Chairperson McCoy

called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and the nominations ceased with a unanimous ballot for Stanley Brodine. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Stanley Brodine is the 2026 Veteran's Service Committee Secretary.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on January 8, 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 December 9, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst seconded by Brodine to accept the December 9, 2025 minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

There were no applications for County Veteran Aid at this time.

Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey provided an office update to the Committee copies of the handouts are available in the Clerk's Office.

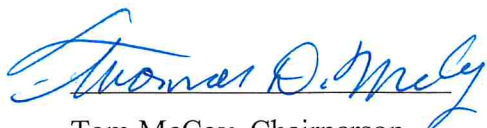
Mileage Claims-

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

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

Chairperson McCoy announced the Board Committee appointments for the 2026 Veterans Service Committee are Commissioner Myron Kouba, Commissioner Ivan Klein and Commissioner Bill Maendele.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M. until Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

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Date