

Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commissioner Meeting
4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse
201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

Commissioners Present: Chair John Pitlo, Secretary Stephen Norpel, Greg Stalker

Commissioners Absent: Laura Eggers, Dorothy Wisted

Staff Member Present: Assistant Administrator Lucy Elliot

Guests: None

The Zoom meeting was launched. The recording was started. Chair Pitlo called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken, commissioners present at roll call were Chair John Pitlo, Secretary Stephen Norpel, Greg Stalker

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026:

Motion by Greg Stalker

Second by John Pitlo

All yea: Pitlo, Stalker, Norpel

Assistant Administrator Elliot provided an update on the March budget. 75.07% of the year is gone. 61.14% of the budget is used. Elliot led discussion regarding expenses and items purchased, including office supplies as well as Elliot's registration for spring school in May. Discussion followed regarding budget items and spending.

Elliot discussed the March Activity Log. There was a general discussion on the breakdown of the specific forms that were filed by the Jackson County Veterans Affairs office, an explanation of the "DIC" (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation) claim was provided. Discussion followed regarding burial benefits and service connection.

Elliot discussed the March Interactions Report. March had 271 total interactions, including secretarial calls and walk-ins.

The county award report for February was provided. A total of 427 veterans and/or their eligible dependents received \$876,474.00 in benefits. Our office filed 76% of the claims open in Jackson County in March.

Elliot asked for commissioner updates. There were none.

Elliot discussed the monthly article regarding the program for comprehensive assistance program for caregivers for veterans.

Elliot covered upcoming events in Jackson County. Events mentioned were the Bellevue luncheon, the Veterans Appreciation movie at the drive-in theatre, and the senior expo.

There was discussion regarding the van, there were no updates available. Other events discussed were the training that Eltrich will attend in Des Moines from the IDVA in April, and the National Association of Veteran Service Officers Annual Conference in Reno in June. Elliot will attend spring school provided by IACVS in May.

There was a discussion regarding the number of veterans that our office serves who are rated 70% or higher. Discussion followed regarding the Family Caregiver Support Program. Discussion followed regarding Home Base Iowa.

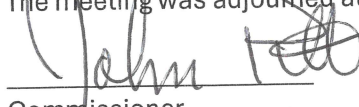
Motion to adjourn:

Motion by John Pitlo

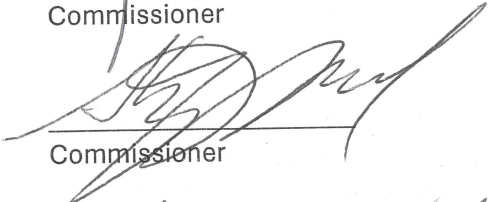
Second by Greg Stalker

All ye: Pitlo, Norpel, Stalker

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



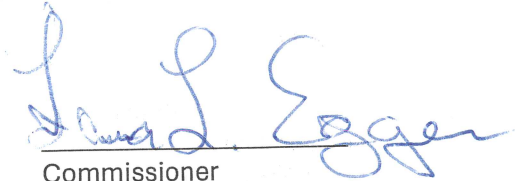
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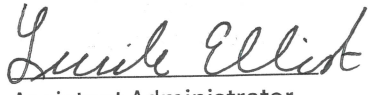
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