

Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commissioner Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse

201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

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

Commissioners Absent: Dorothy Wisted

Staff Member Present: Administrator Ruth Eltrich

Guests: None

The Zoom meeting was launched. The recording was started. Chair Pitlo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken; commissioners present at roll call were Chair John Pitlo, Secretary Stephen Norpel, Laura Eggers

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2026:

Motion by Laura Eggers

Second by John Pitlo

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo

Administrator Eltrich provided an update on the May budget. 90.96% of the year is gone. 80.42% of the budget is used. Discussion followed regarding expenses and items purchased.

Updated roll call was taken, as Commissioner Greg Stalker arrived. He signed the meeting minutes and indicated his approval.

Discussion regarding budget balance after subtracting salaries, and VA/GA funds. Eltrich provided the breakdown of budget items.

Eltrich presented the May activity log and number of forms filed. Discussion followed regarding appeals awarded and denied.

Eltrich presented the April County Award Report. A total of 437 veterans and/or their eligible dependents received \$905,277.00 in benefits.

Eltrich presented the May Interactions Report. May had a total of 202 total interactions, secretarial calls 35, walk-ins 23.

Eltrich presented discussion and possible action on purchasing the yearly Avenue of Flags display provided by the Optimist Club. Discussion followed. Item was tabled until further information is provided.

Eltrich presented discussion and possible action to approve Administrators expense summary for NACVSO training to be sent to the state for reimbursement.

Motion to approve by John Pitlo

Second by Laura Eggers

All aye: Pitlo, Eggers, Norpel, Stalker.

Chair Pitlo signed the reimbursement form.

Eltrich asked for Commissioner updates. Chair Pitlo presented flowers and appreciation for the outgoing Commissioner Laura Eggers.

Discussion followed regarding applications for the Commissioner position.

Eltrich presented the May news article.

Eltrich presented information on the Veterans Appreciation Night at the Drive In.

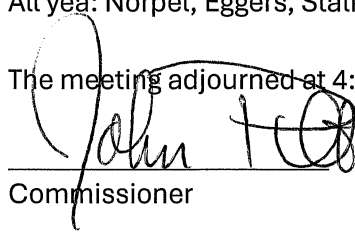
Eltrich presented information on National Training in Reno and upcoming events.

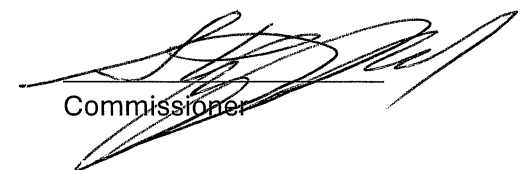
Motion to adjourn: John Pitlo

Second by Laura Eggers

All yea: Norpel, Eggers, Stalker, Pitlo

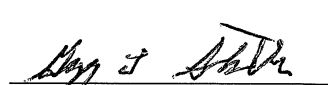
The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

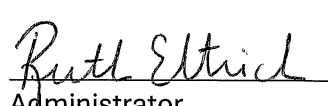

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