

Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commissioner Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8th, 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: Catherine Carrier, Michelle Roling

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, Greg Stalker, Laura Eggers

Interviews were conducted with Catherine Carrier and Michelle Roling, individuals seeking appointments to the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commission.

Discussion followed.

Motion to extend an invitation to Michelle Roling for the Commissioner position.

Motion by John Pitlo

Second by Laura Eggers

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo, Stalker

Motion to recommend appointing Michelle Roling to the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commission.

Motion by John Pitlo

Second by Laura Eggers

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo, Stalker

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 10th, 2026:

Motion by John Pitlo

Second by Greg Stalker

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo, Stalker

Motion to approved designating the east public entrance doors of the Jackson County Courthouse as the official posting location for the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commission Meetings.

Motion by John Pitlo

Second by Greg Stalker

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo, Stalker

Motion to approve the Jackson County Courthouse as the designated location for the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commission meetings.

Motion by Eggers

Second by John Pitlo

All aye: Norpel, Eggers, Pitlo, Stalker

Eltrich presented discussion and possible action for appointing chairperson and secretary for the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Commission. Action tabled until the August meeting.

Eltrich presented the June budget report. 91.60% of budget was spent, and 41.94% of General Assistance/VA funds were used. Eltrich presented a breakdown of FY26 budget spent and the FY27 budget.

Eltrich presented the June activity log. There are 89 open claims in Jackson County, we filed 60, our percentage of claims filed is 67%.

Eltrich presented the May County Award Report. A total of 440 veterans and/or their eligible dependents received \$911,077.00 in benefits.

Eltrich presented the June Interactions Report. June had a total of 258 total interactions, secretarial calls 59, walk-ins 21.

Eltrich presented discussion and possible action to approve purchasing the yearly Avenue of Flags provided by the Optimist Club for \$55 annually. The discussion has been tabled.

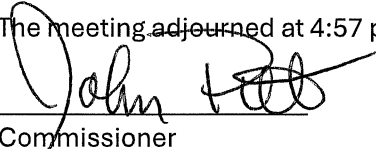
Eltrich asked for commissioner updates. Commissioner Eggers was thanked for her service.

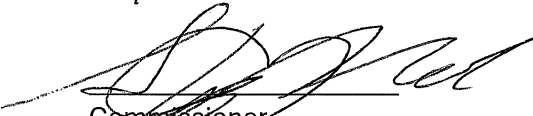
Motion to adjourn: Laura Eggers

Second by John Pitlo

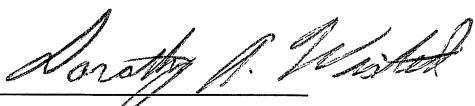
All yea: Norpel, Eggers, Stalker, Pitlo

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

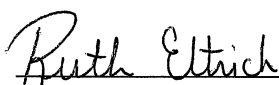

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