

## Greene County Veterans Affairs Commission

### March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michael Bierl, Bruce Chaffee, Barb Labate and Jerry Spaulding

**Public Comments** – None.

**Previous Minutes** – Motion made by Chaffee, motion seconded, and carried to approve the February meeting minutes.

**Expense/Budget Report** – Reviewed by Bierl.

**Approval of Bills** –

Commissioner pay – Chaffee \$39.80, Labate \$30, Spaulding \$30  
Veteran Assistance – Fuel card for Oly's Corner \$120 & Grocery card for Fareway \$300  
Veteran Rental Assistance – \$600 for March rent  
Reimbursement to Mike Bierl – Postage Claims Package \$16.54  
Reimbursement to Mike Bierl – Gas Mileage to Ft. Dodge \$90.16  
Veteran Outreach – Sierra Community Theatre \$619 for movie/snack  
Stationary – envelopes with office label – The Printer's Box for \$95.00

Motion made by Labate, seconded, and carried to approve presented bills.

#### Old Business

**Food and Provisions Assistance** – Bierl reported on recent update of veteran's finances. After a previous denial from February, board members were contacted via phone and personal contact with the updated financial situation. All members voted via phone or contact to approve \$120 for fuel and \$300 for food.

**Floyd Brown Picture in Courthouse** – Photo at Hobby Lobby for framing. Placard to be ordered by Labate through Office Sign Company. Media article to be drafted by Bierl. Date pending for display.

**Proposed Dinner/Talk for Veterans** – Discussion on need for other outreaches. No action taken.

**Propose procedure/criteria for veteran temporary photo displays** – Discussed and agreed to add the acronym DOW (Died of Wounds) to qualification for Guidelines for Veteran Memorial Wall Applicants.

**E-mail Newsletter** – Labate volunteered to assist with email blast setup.

**Veteran Outreach/Movie Showing** – Bierl reports 59 veteran and spouse attendees for afternoon movie. Total cost for movie and snack bar was \$619. Carroll VA Clinic Representative and Mike Bierl spoke about benefits.

*New Business*

**Rental Assistance** – Veteran's second request for rental assistance of \$600. Request already approved under bills.

**Bulletin Board** – Bulletin board in place outside of veteran service office.

**Commanders Call** – Discussion on all county American Legion and VFW commanders to meet to discuss veteran issues with Bierl present. Labate will initiate contacts.

**Veteran Sympathy Cards** – All commissioners signed cards to 3 local veterans.

**General Information** – Bierl scheduled for spring training in Des Moines on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Attended District training on March 6<sup>th</sup>. County Veterans Outreach Grant under consideration for increase from \$10,000-\$13,000.

Honor Flight Information: May 9<sup>th</sup> flight, preceded by April 29<sup>th</sup> meal. Greene County roster includes Walter Raemakers and Richard Smith. Larry Turner unable to attend citing health concerns.

Bierl requested and granted March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> off.

Next Meeting Date – April 7th at 10:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Barb Labate, Secretary