



**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson  
Mr. Eric Holmes  
Mr. Patrick Craney  
Mr. Michael Johannes, Secretary

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

**REVIEW MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2016**

The minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Johannes mentioned the veteran that was assisted in July 2016 was extremely grateful for the assistance provided to him.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET**

Mr. Johannes informed the Commission there are no changes to the budget. Approximately \$6,000 in donations from several sources were accepted by our office over the Christmas Holidays. These donations were in addition to our annual budgeted amount. The donations will be put into an account that will not revert back to the County's General Fund at the end of the year.

Mr. Johannes stated our office utilizes resources in the community, such as La Casa to provide budget counseling services and a neutral third-party review of a veteran's financial situation, prior to using the resources in our budget / donated resources.

The commission reviewed expenditures for 2016 and the balance of gift cards for needy veterans. To date, no additional gift cards are needed.

Mr. Holmes mentioned Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) may have funds available for our veterans and requested Mr. Johannes provide him with information on any needs / wishes we may have.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the 2018 budget. Mr. Kebisek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kebisek signed the 2018 Budget and the Policy for Commission Funds for State Benefits explaining what the Waukesha County Commission Funds are used for.

### **STATUS OF VETERANS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY**

Discussion on the number of veterans in the state of Wisconsin. The job market in Wisconsin is very good; many veterans are coming into the state for employment opportunities.

### **REVIEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Eric Holmes' term expires December 1, 2017; he accepted another term as Commissioner.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Johannes mentioned several programs taking off in the county including Dry Hootch – grand opening next month in downtown Waukesha; Guitars for Vets program – Mr. Johannes is chapter coordinator, meeting space at UW Waukesha; possible Water Skiing program at Pewaukee Lake for disabled veterans; and possible annual Veterans Resource Fair to be held at Waukesha Expo Center.

There was no other business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Johannes, Secretary  
MJ/pm