1. 4:00 P.M.  Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Documents:

VAB AGENDA 01-12-2022.PDF

1.I. 4:00 PM  Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - REVISED

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REVISED-VETERAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 01122022.PDF
The purpose and establishment of the Grant County Veteran’s Advisory Board (VAB) is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and the programs that could benefit the needs of the local indigent veterans and their families.

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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 12th, 2022  
**TIME:** 4:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Commissioners Hearing Room, #101  
Grant County Courthouse  
35 C Street NW Ephrata, WA 98823

To Attend Online or call-in:  
https://grantcowa.webex.com/grantcowa/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3b3a5d0e64f60e216d45fe07e59b1f98  
Public Call In: 1-408-418-9388  
Event Number: 2481 118 6649

- Call to order
  - Chair
- Approval of Previous Minutes  
  - November 10th, 2021 Minutes  
  - VAB
- 2022 Board Leadership Elections  
  - Vote on Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary  
  - Ken
- County Update:  
  - 2021 End of Year Report  
  - 2022 Veterans Assistance Fund Policy  
  - 2022 Budget  
  - Jerry
- Reports:  
  - Stand Down  
  - AL Post 28 Update  
  - AL Post 157 Update  
  - AL Post 183 Update  
  - AL Post 209 Update  
  - VFW Post 24 Update  
  - Worksource Update  
  - At-Large Update  
  - Eileen  
  - Tom  
  - Jim  
  - Ken S.  
  - Ken W.  
  - Phil  
  - Joanna, Gary, John
Grant County Veteran’s Advisory Board

Old Business:
- County Veteran Service Officer Discussion
- Vietnam Veterans of American Contract
- County Veterans Memorial
- Veterans Court

New Business / Good of the Order/Announcements:
- County Commissioner Meeting

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Closed Session
- VVA Contract
- County VSO

Next regularly scheduled board meeting:
- Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 – 4:00 pm
- Grant County Courthouse

Grant County Veterans Advisory Board Members:
- Ken Slininger, AL Post 183, Chair
- Gary Bracht, At-Large, Vice Chair
- Eileen Boylston, WorkSource, Secretary
- Tom Moncrief, AL Post 28
- Jim Brakebill, AL Post 157
- Ken Weston, AL Post 209
- Phil Anderson, VFW Post 24
- Joanna Gallegos, At-Large
- John Nordine, At-Large

Grant County Representative:
- Jerry Gingrich, Deputy Clerk 2
Veteran Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2022

1. Roll Call:

Board Members in attendance: Ken Slininger, Gary Bracht, Jim Brakebill, Ken Weston, John Nordine, Phil Anderson, and Eileen Boylston

Members absent Joanna Latimer, Tom Moncrief

County Rep: Jerry Gingrich

Guests: Commissioner Danny Stone, Mark Nash, Britney Lutz

2. Reading and approval of the old minutes.

3. Reviewed Grant County Veteran Assistance Fund. Jerry provided a run down on the numbers and talked about what is being budgeted, noted that the Commissions agreed to helping up to $5000 on funeral expenses. Also noted that our budget for this year has been approved, although he did not have the year-end report as the county had not gotten that together yet.

4. 2022 Veterans Assistance Fund Policy: Policy is complete and approved.

5. Veteran Service Officer position for the county:

   • Gary, Ken, and Jim met to come up with key points on why we need to hire a veteran service officer, they drafted a Formal Recommendation Letter to present to the commissioners that recommended the county hire a fulltime service officer. The board reviewed the draft letter and approved the content with a few minor changes. 2022 Budget has included some funding for a county service officer. The process, per Jerry: Formal Recommendation Letter is submitted to the Commissioners, the VAB meet with the Commissioners to have a discussion, the Commissioners approve the position.

   • Jerry will provide Gary, Ken, and Jim the job description from when we last hired a VSO, as well as the job description for the positions at Chelan and Douglas County. Gary, Ken, and Jim will use these documents to draft a job description for this position. It was noted that it should include that the position must be filled by a veteran, that they must live within a commutable distance and that the position would have a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the county veterans. Ken suggested that at least some members of the VAB participate when the candidates for this position are being interviewed.

   • Meeting reference VSO Job Description: Jan 20th, 4pm, Courthouse.

   • Next meeting reference VSO position: Jan 31st, 3pm, via WEBEX.

6. VVA Contract for the Veterans Service Office: The contract will be renewed. The current rate will apply for use of the space. Contract is for up to 3 years, renewing each year. No cost to VVA for utilities, and they pay $1/month.

7. Old Business:

   • Stand Down. Reserved for next year: September 24th, 2022.

   • Veteran Court Discussion: There was no discussion about veteran court today but keeping this item in the minutes until we can pursue further.

   • Memorial: On hold until Ephrata decides what they will be doing with the street in front of the courthouse.

   • What are other VAB’s doing to assist veterans: Jerry will reach out and ask.
8. New Business:
   - 2022 Board Leadership Elections (Vote on Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). Voted and approved for Chair: Ken Slininger, Vice Chair: Gary Bracht, and Secretary: Eileen Boylston

9. Updates:

Post 157.
   - Continue doing blood drives.
   - Involved with helping the food bank (60 to 70% labor provided by them).
   - Sponsor the Cub Scouts and provide them meeting space.
   - Have tentatively selected a place to do a Veterans Memorial.
   - Next monthly meeting, February 8th.

Post 28.
   - Open Mon-Saturday, 1pm to 9pm, and Sunday, 9am to 7pm. Breakfast available on Sundays. Doing special events and meals.
   - Bi-Laws updated, and elections in the future.

Joanna Latimer.
   - Is the Hospital Community Health Worker, can connect veterans to community services. They are still really busy.

Post 183.
   - Noted that the last two meetings have been very productive
   - Donated $750 to help the Career & Tech Program at Quincy High School
   - Donated to the Police for the children shopping spry
   - Donated to the Food Bank this month (January)
   - Next meeting Feb 12th at 9am at Jacks in Quincy.

Post 209.
   - Open 7 days a week, 4pm to 7pm Monday through Saturday, and 9am to 3pm on Sunday. Sunday breakfast is 9am to 11am.
   - Have their general meeting the second Tuesday of each month.

VFW Post 24.
   - Not in attendance

WorkSource.
   - Our Office in Moses Lake is now fully open. Masks are required to enter.
   - We again have in-person classes Resumes, Interviewing and more.

10. Meetings.
   - Next VAB Meeting: March 9th, Wednesday, 4pm, Jerry will set up Skype, also have the option to come in person at the Ephrata Courthouse.