

Minutes

Grundy County Veterans Affairs Commissioners Meeting
March 23 2021 9:00 a.m., Conference Room Annex Building

Members Present:

President: Bill Beyer

Commissioner: Gary James

Commissioner: Carl Huber

Administrator: Janetta Miller- Buck

Members Absent: none

Guest: Lucas Halverson, BOS

1. The meeting was convened by Commissioner Beyer at 9:00 a.m.
2. Various expense vouchers were reviewed, discussed and approved.
3. Minutes from the February 2021 meeting were approved with a motion from James and a second from Huber. All were in favor.
4. The February 2021 expenditure report was reviewed and discussed. Huber made a motion to approve the expenditure reports with a second from James, all ayes.
5. Buck reported to the Commission that she is mentoring Adam Akers, the new Franklin county VSO. She spent the day in Hampton and he will continue his training in GC.
6. Buck also reported that there have been many positive changes within the trust fund. The income limit was raised substantially and the amount allowed for services was also increased. Buck will be writing a newsletter and attending AL meetings to get the word out.
7. Buck currently has 7 active disability claims, 2 pensions and 3 trust funds she is working on.
8. Commissioner James reported receiving a call from the office of the ombudsman regarding a complaint filed by Mr. Richard Ahlberg. Mr. Ahlberg is concerned about not receiving services from GCVA due to a situation with him and Buck stemming from a city council issue. James assured the ombudsman that he is aware of the situation and Buck is professional and impartial and would assist Mr. Ahlberg in her role as veterans service officer.
9. During the discussion regarding the office being closed due to vacation and an in person training the topic of hiring a temporary part time person to be in the office occasionally came up. Beyer asked whether a recent sports physical would fulfill the county requirement of having a physical before employment. Buck will ask if that would work.
10. At 9:35 Beyer made a motion and James seconded that the commission entered into a closed session to discuss a relief application. The application was discussed and at 9:50 Huber made a motion and Beyer seconded to end the closed session.
11. Huber made a motion to approve the relief application, second from James and all were in favor.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.
13. Next Scheduled meeting April 20, 2021 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse annex conference room.

Respectively submitted,

Janetta Miller-Buck

