



Winnebago County Veterans Affairs Commissioners Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2026 – 10:00 am

Winnebago County Courthouse

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge**

Present: Commissioners Dave Peterson, Steve Bosma, Troy Thompson and Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Mary Lou Kleveland

2. **Review and Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The January monthly meeting minutes were reviewed. Thompson motioned, seconded by Bosma to approve the January minutes. All in favor. January minutes are approved.

3. **Veteran Services Officer Report**

- a. Monthly VA numbers: VSO shared the statistics for January 2026 for Winnebago County.
- b. County Outreach Efforts – There were no outreach events in January.
- c. Review Monthly Expenditure Report for Approval - The Commissioners and VSO reviewed the expenditures for January 2026. Peterson motioned and Thompson seconded to approve the expenditures for January. All in favor. The January expenditure report was approved and the Commissioners signed off on the report.

4. **Old Business** - There was no old business to discuss.

5. **New Business**

- a. Proposed Legislation Updates—VSO updated the Commissioners about SF Bill 2566, the legislation that will primarily impact state grant allocation funds and training for VSOs. The Commissioners and VSO discussed some of the implications of the bill, most significantly that Winnebago County appears to be in the lowest one third of counties in Iowa. The lowest one third will only receive \$2,000 of the state grant allocation instead of \$10,000. All agreed that this office will need to be very creative with outreach expenditures if the bill passes and Winnebago County loses \$8,000 of the state grant allocation funds.
- b. Proposed FY 26-27 Budget for Veterans Affairs – VSO gave a brief report about the Budget meeting she had with the BOS and Auditor Weiss on January 20th. The BOS were pleased with the FY 26-27 budget for Veterans Affairs. VSO gave each Commissioner a copy of the FY 26-27 budget for Veterans Affairs which was submitted to the BOS on 1/20/2026.
- c. Training Opportunities for VSO – VSO advised that she had attended an all-day training offered by American Legion on 2/14/2026. The training was highly practical and beneficial. VSO will be attending training offered by Iowa County Association of County Services (IACVS – state association) in early May. This training will be in lieu of attending IDVA training in April 2026. VSO is also taking advantage of virtual training opportunities.
- d. New & Emerging Information – There was no new and emerging information presented at the January meeting.
- e. Financial Assistance Request(s) with possible closed session – VSO presented a financial assistance request for a March rent payment. The request was made in open session with no

identifying information shared. Thompson motioned to approve the financial assistance request and Bosma seconded. All in favor. Rent assistance request approved.

f. Next Meeting Date: March 23, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Winnebago County Courthouse

Adjournment – Thompson motioned; Bosma seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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