

Veterans Committee Minutes  
July 10, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mo Wright; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Dan Pemrick, Matt Veitch, and Tom Wood; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Press.

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Wood, the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. McClement said that he will email the Veterans Service Agency report to the committee members. Mr. McClement distributed the Veterans Trust Fund disbursements and deposits report. The balance on hand for the Veterans Trust Fund as of June was \$47,062.06.

Mr. McClement distributed a document listing some proposed regulation changes to the Veterans Trust Fund and gave an overview of the changes. Proposed changes cover eligibility for disbursement, raising grant eligibility amounts, potential scholarships for children of Veterans or current service members and further defining acceptable uses. Mr. McClement said that he took a look at and mirrored VA benefits when creating the list of proposed changes. Mr. Wright said that the scholarship item can be looked at as a separate initiative annually. Mr. Wright said that scholarships could also end up promoting the fund by getting the word out about the fund at graduation events etc. Mr. Wright said that he would like the Committee to review the potential changes and provide feedback within the next few weeks so that a resolution can be brought forward at the next committee meeting.

Mr. McClement gave a brief update on the Veterans Resource Center. Mr. McClement said that he will be doing a walk-through of the property on Friday. He is hoping that they will be taking occupancy in the first week of August. They still have to wait for the cabling company to come in and First Light to inspect poles to connect to the county internet system. The paving has been completed, an ADA ramp has been built and inside build out is almost complete. Mr. McClement said that they will work with the Administrators office on promoting the opening of the Center and also organize a ribbon cutting event.

Mr. McClement said that the Honor Deceased Veterans Ceremony for July will be for the Town of Ballston, Donald E. Champagne – US Navy WWII. August will be for the City of Saratoga Springs. Mr. McClement said that he received notification that the September ceremony is currently unfilled and possibly December also. Mr. McClement said that he can reach out to other municipalities to bump their ceremony up. Mr. Wright suggested that if a municipality has someone in mind that they would like to recognize, to contact Mr. McClement.

**On a motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board