

Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Kinowski, Lucia, Hargrave, Wright, Richardson, Southworth, Wood, Collyer and Yepsen; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Andrew Davis, Veterans Director; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Johnson said there would be a subcommittee meeting on March 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson said discussions have taken place about renaming the Rt. 9P bridge to the Saratoga County Veterans Memorial Bridge and some of the roadways as the Saratoga County Memorial Highway. Mrs. Johnson said after speaking with County Attorney, Steve Dorsey, it was noted that a request for Home Rule Legislation would have to be made, which will go through the Law and Finance Committee and then on to the full Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lucia said if the road names were changed that would create problems for residents living on those roads.

Mr. Wright suggested designating a series of the roadways, to the Saratoga County Memorial Highway, not changing the names of the roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve a resolution requesting Home Rule Legislation to rename the Rt. 9P bridge the Saratoga County Memorial Highway Bridge and to designate the roadways as the Saratoga County Memorial Highway. Unanimous.

Mr. Davis said he received an invitation by the House Veterans Affairs to go to Washington, DC to testify on community referrals and involvement with the Department of Veterans Affairs and what is missing with it. This was an oversight hearing with three Democrats and four Republicans in the hearing. Mr. Davis said he made a five-minute testimony and spent a significant amount of time on questions. Once the questions are approved, Mr. Davis said he would provide a copy of the full testimony to all committee members. He said the conversations revolved around the VA being a very centralized bureaucracy and not reaching out to community providers.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Wright the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom