

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioners: Robert Suesakul , Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg

8 October 2025

Minutes

On 8 October 2025, at 1500 hours, Commission Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission to order. The Commissioners in attendance were Robert Suesakul, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg. Also in attendance were JCVA Director Ray Maxey, Shared Benefits Coordinator and County Veterans Service Officer Joshua Price, and two guests: Director of HR Dennis Simon and BOS Chair Brandon Talsma.

Approve Minutes:

Jerry Nelson made a motion and Robert Suesakul seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on September 10th, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Commission Training

Information on Training was presented to the commission on required open meeting training was provided & acknowledged.

New Business:

1. September 2025 Activity Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report. Staff noted that 143 veterans signed in on the PII sheet during their visits to our offices. PII sheet is on file in office due to sensitive nature.

2. September 2025 Expenses and Allocation Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report.

3. Post Card update

Commissioners were informed and shown the finished postcard for the October 28th Coffee & Camaraderie Event being held at West Side Java in Newton from 9am - 12pm. Post cards are to be mailed the following day 10/9/2025. Marta ford questioned if possible to in the future to obtain a bulk rate, Post office was questioned prior to the meeting this would only be an option if it had gone out to all residents not a selected few.

4. Colfax Cemetery

Information was presented to the Commission concerning assisting the Colfax City Council with the town Cemetery, more follow up requested by the Commission.

The Commission decided to table the discussion until further information is presented.

5. R.E.D Friday County Employee Shirt Order Request Form

The Commission was informed that the office has a total of 78 shirt order forms as of the time of the meeting, with a deadline of Friday, October 10th, 2025, to return the order form so an order can be placed Friday evening to maximize processing time in hopes of having them in time for Veterans Day. Ed and Jerry requested that the deadline be extended to Wednesday the 15th to give Secondary Roads time to return the forms.

6. 1st Qtr. report for BOS

Commissioners reviewed the report Marta made a motion to approve Ed seconded. The motion passed unanimously and will be placed on the BOS agenda.

Public Input: None

Kat Thompson made a motion and Ed Spangenburg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1600 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, 10 October 2025, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Joshua M. Price, Secretary