

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

315 West Third Street North, Suite 250, Newton, IA 50208

Phone 1-641-792-7993

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

Spangenburg

8 April 2026

Minutes

On 8 April 2026, 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, County Veterans Service Officer Joshua Price.

Approve Minutes:

Robert Suesakul made a motion and Ed Spangenburg seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on March 11th, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Outreach Discussion

Joshua Price & Ray Maxey spoke on the Coffee & camaraderie's the Office will send out mailers again in the near future. The Office looks forward to continuing said Joshua Price brought up the suggestion of partaking in next year's town egg hunt to engage with younger Veterans and their family as well to increase Community engagement. The topic of outreach shall remain unfinished business going forward.

New Business:

1. March 2026 Activity Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report. Staff noted that **136** 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. March 2026 Expenses and Allocation Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report.

3 . Flag Cases

The Company JCVA currently uses is no longer making cases in the USA per Josh and therefor the office request to seek a new vender.

4. Signs – Veteran Reserved Parking

Josh and Ray have presented the design for the proposed signs to be brought forward to the BOS all Commissioners approve unanimously, the request is to be brought forward.

5. Colfax Cemetery City Proposal

Ray Maxey received a requested proposal with the Colfax Cemetery Administrator that each year the City would like to purchase 25 grave markers at a one for one match by the JCVA Office. Plans are not finalized the city will come forward to solidify this plan in the near future the Commission however feels this plan would be good to move forward when completed.

6. Schedule Bylaw meeting

Josh and Ray request a meeting be scheduled for the upcoming Bylaws that will need renewed the Commission has settled on 3 June 2026 at 4pm

7. Upcoming Office Closure & Training Reminder

Josh stated as a reminder the Office will be closed for IDVA training 4/14 – 4/16 & IACVSO 5/5 – 5/7

Public Input: None

Kat Thompson made a motion Marta Ford seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1548 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmed next meeting: Wednesday, 13 May 2026, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Joshua M. Price, Secretary