

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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

8 July 2026

Minutes

On 10 June 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, Ed Spangenburg and Marta Ford. Also in attendance were JCVA Director Ray Maxey, County Veterans Service Officer Joshua Price. Dennis (HR) is in attendance. The following attendees signed the attendance sheet. Names have been transcribed to the best of my ability from the handwritten sign-in sheet.

Timothy R. Johnson, Melissa Schilling, Norm Reinier, Grace Reinier, Carrol Wheatcraft, Fredena Pion, Dennis Agan, Patricia Hollenbeck, Dick Couch, Helen Thorpe, Jammy Smith, Wallace Schermerhorn, Alyssa Wison, Chuck Wagoner, Chris Braunschweig as guest.

Approve Minutes:

Marta Ford made a motion and Robert Suesakul seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on May 13th, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. May 2026 Activity Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report. Staff noted that **91** 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. Closed Session Requested By Dennis Simon In Accordance With Iowa State Code 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Jerry Nelson called for closed session Ed 1st Marta 2nd

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE: Jerry Nelson, Robert Suesakul, Marta Ford,

Kat Thompson, Ed Spangenburg

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

On 10 June 2026, at 1523 hours, Commission Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission back into open session. Everyone was able to return to the room. Jerry Nelson read statement

"The Commission notes for the record that the investigation into Ms. Wilson has been closed with no sustained findings of policy or conduct violations. The County confirms that Ms. Wilson's personnel record reflects that she resigned her employment from the County. This statement is made to provide clarity of her professional standing, but in no way suggests the County has engaged in wrongdoing towards Wilson."

Public Input: Carrol Wheatcraft a Veteran of Jasper county, spoke publicly expressing his displeasure for the Commission members and called for resignation

A veteran by the name of Michele Lammers whom is not a resident of Jasper County, also spoke of her feeling of distrust and dissatisfaction of the Commission advocating for Wilson and called for resignation of the Commission Members.

Kat Thompson made a motion Marta Ford 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 1535 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmed next meeting: Wednesday, 8 July 2026, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Joshua M. Price, Interim Secretary