Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission June 11, 2025

The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room. Members present were:

Mike Male – arrived at 4:38 Michael Stigers Shelly Howsare Bruce Jeffries Robin Housley - absent

Minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting were read. Commissioner Howsare made the motion to accept, Commissioner Stigers seconded. Approved by all present.

June reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: The Administrator informed the Commission that the budget amendment was approved. Line items were discussed and where the office is for compliance.

New business: The Administrator shared a current listing of the allocation expenses. There is still some money to be spent and the Administrator is taking a look at options that will benefit the outreach of the office the best. The QuikBooks that we discussed at last month's meeting are more expensive and we don't have the funds currently available. Those books may be a good purchase with next year's allocation if the Commission decides to use those funds.

A memo was shared with the Commission from IDVA. Discussion was had over some of the language and the bullet points in the letter. The Commission do not like the idea of IDVA making demands as this takes the power away from the county Commission and Board of Supervisors. Concerns over training newlyhired CVSO's by the state when they themselves have never been a CVSO.

The numbers from the Regional Office were shared with the Commission. Discussion was had regarding the usage of the national service organizations and their impact.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16, motion made by Commissioner Howsare, seconded by Commissioner Stigers, approved by all in attendance.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator