

**MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Held:** Monday, June 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Ray Zastrow (Chairman), Roger Freund,  
Brian Jopek

**Executive Secretary:** Tammy Walters (CVSO)

**The following new matters were taken up, to wit:**

Ray Zastrow called the meeting to order in Conference Room #1 on the first floor of the Oneida County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the March 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The vouchers were reviewed. Motion made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding AB 821. The CVSO informed the commission that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) continues to work on trying to get the law changed in order to regionalize County Veterans Service Offices. The County Veterans Service Officers Association (CVSOA) is educating their counties, legislators, and veterans about how catastrophic this would be for WI veterans. The CVSO wrote a resolution stating Oneida County adamantly opposes any action to regionalize Veterans Service Offices and will be presenting it to her committee (Social Services Committee) right after this meeting.

Discussion was held on the WDVA grant. Because of all the backlash from the last grant period due to the length of time it took to apply for the grant as well as how little was approved by the WDVA, the Governor ordered a meeting between the WDVA, WCA, WCEA, and CVSOA to come up with a better solution. The meeting took place and it was decided that for the first grant period in 2016 (January 1-May 31) counties would only have to

fill in a form per WDVA Bulletin 1046 and state the amount they spent on authorized purchases and would be reimbursed accordingly. There is no word on how the second grant cycle of 2016 will be handled. The CVSO wrote a resolution stating Oneida County recommends going back to the block grant that was established in 1973 and will be presenting it to her committee right after this meeting.

**Motion** made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, encouraging the Social Services Committee to approve both resolutions and send them to the County Board to be voted on. Motion carried.

Since the Veterans Service Office now has a donation line item, an application is going to be required for anyone requesting a grant. The commission reviewed the rules and application the CVSO presented. **Motion** by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the rules and application as presented. Motion carried.

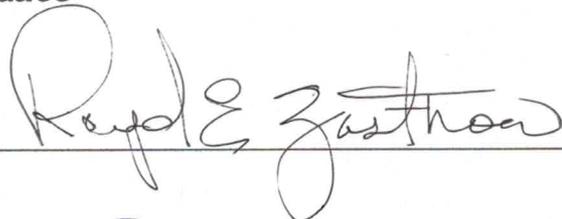
The CVSO presented the Veterans Service Office 2015 Annual Report. **Motion** made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the annual report. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 in conference room 1 in the courthouse. **Motion** made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Items for next agenda:

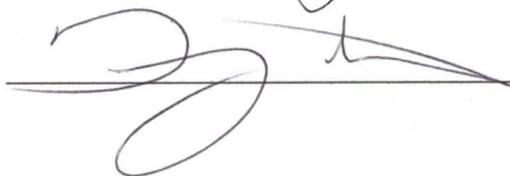
- WDVA grant update
- AB 821 update

Chairman:



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Secretary:



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