

# Waukesha COUNTY

VETERAN'S SERVICES  
A DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson  
Mr. Patrick Craney  
Mr. Michael Johannes, Secretary

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES EMERGENCY MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2018

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

### REVIEW MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2018

The minutes of the October 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes. Mr. Kebisek made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### CASE # BTG/57940

The case involves a 34-year-old veteran who served in the Army from 2004-2010. The veteran is service connected at 80% and has been unemployed as of November, 2018. He has been unable to find stable employment and had a difficult time paying his bills in a timely manner for the past couple of months. He has a wife and four children. He is working with an employment counselor from the Department of Workforce Development, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program. The Veteran will also be working with the Milwaukee Vet Center, department of Veterans Affairs. The Veteran is behind on his mortgage as well with his utility and water bills. The Veterans Service Office has referred the veteran to Rural Housing Inc.'s Mortgage Assistance program, Heat for Hero's energy assistance program, and an agency sponsoring veteran families for Christmas. Mr. Craney also suggested that the Vietnam Veterans Association could assist the family with a gift card. The veteran is requesting assistance paying his water bill.

The Veterans Service Officer requested a total payment of **\$694.97** to pay the past due amount on his water bill. The funds would come from account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

**\$694.97 Waukesha Water Utility**

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CASE # HLV/58260**

The case involves a 70-year-old Vietnam veteran who served in the Army from 1968-1970 and is 30% service-connected. The veteran is retired and has very limited income from Social Security and the VA. The veteran states that he does not have enough money to pay his dental bill for work performed in the fall of 2018. Medicaid and Medicare will not cover the expenses. The total due is \$2,245.00. The veteran is requesting help paying part of the bill, stating he will go on a payment plan with the dentist to pay the remainder.

The Veterans Service Officer requested any amount the Veterans Service Commissioners believed was appropriate to pay.

The commissioners granted payment of **\$1,500.00**. The funds would come from account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

**\$1,500.00 Dousman Family Dentistry**

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was a discussion about holding a Commission meeting to approve the 2019 budget in January 2019.

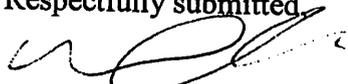
Also discussed was a new \$15K grant made available for veterans in Waukesha County through United Way. The grant will be shared with another agency serving veterans in the community. The grant can be used for car repairs and other small repairs, as well as issues not covered by currently existing grants.

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craney. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Johannes, Secretary  
MJ/fjv