

Mills County Veterans Affairs

June 12th, 2026, Meeting Agenda

To: All MCVA Commissioners, Board of Supervisors Liaison, MCVA staff

Christina Hankins, CVSO/Caseworker

Lori Swisher, CVSO/Clerk

(Commissioners have staggered three-year terms)

Paul Hathaway, Commissioner 1974-2026

Jeanne Wilkins, Commissioner 2019-2025

Yolanda Hardesty, Commissioner 2019-2025

Jess Cook, Commissioner/Secretary 2019-2026

Jim Schoening, Commissioner/Chair 2017-2025

Richard Crouch, BOS Liaison 2003 - 2025

From: Elizabeth Richardson, CVSO/Administrator

June Regular Meeting 8:30 am

Location: 403 Railroad Avenue, Glenwood

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Old Business

1. *The Chair is seeking a motion to approve minutes from the April meeting.*

Motion

2. *The Chair is seeking a motion to move an item from New Business to the front of the agenda.*

Motion

3. Social Media and Grievance Procedure, requested by Commissioner Jess

4. New Annex sign is up!

5. HBI Update – presentation at Dog Days of Summer/Request for Signs in to DOT

6. Dog Days of Summer update

7. Budget Report/preliminary 4th quarter report

8. *The Chair is seeking a motion to approve the reimbursement for postage and related items such as envelopes and stickers for the county designation, HBI to Sandi Winton in the amount of:*

\$103.55

Motion

D. Reports and Outreach/Training

1. Monthly Reports/Awards

- a. Communication and Forms Reports – Training on VetraSpec / What information does the Communication Report gather?

- b. Transparency Measures for Department Reporting

- i. Monthly Reports for Total Compensation and Pension awards, Assistance Requested, 100% Disabled veterans, and detailed Communications report available every month.

- ii. Monthly agendas and minutes posted online.

- iii. Staff, Commissioners, and BoS available and willing to meet with public regarding information.

- c. Quarterly Assistance Report

- i. No new Assistance completed/ Team Rubicon information

- ii. Running Awards C and P for April 2026: **\$1,394,893**

- iii. Running count of **awards only: 652 people** (veterans/widows/dependents)

**This does not include current claims and appeals*

- iv. **Current # eligible** veterans for 100% Disabled Property Tax Exemption: approx. **130**

2. Outreach

- a. Dog Days of Summer: July 16th, 4 – 6 Annex Room
- b. Memorial Day Newspaper Ad
- c. 250th Anniversary: Glenwood Betterment and Beautification at Rex Theatre, Glenwood
- d. Brief Presentation regarding advertising Outreach Activities vs other counties. NB: There is no right or wrong way, just comparing different styles.

E. New Business

3. Commissioners' Updates/Memorial Day updates
1. Legislative Updates: National Guardsmen able to serve on Commission who are not otherwise considered veterans under Iowa Code
2. Review Flag Holders – Christina
3. Annual Approval of Commissioners/Richard BoS meeting June 16th (?) Code 35B.6(1)(a)
4. Google Site Request to remove listing that office “permanently closed”/IT has put request in to Google.
5. Office Closed July 3rd for Independence Day
6. Coats and Auto-deposit slips

F. Adjournment

The Chair is seeking a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion

Next meeting: July 10th 8:30 am **Future meetings: items must be on the Agenda by Wednesday before the next monthly Commissioner's Meeting per Open Meeting Laws.**