



COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mandy Coates, Director

Bill Blanchard, Chairperson

Larry Hingtgen, Secretary

Jacob Korbakes

Tera Denial

Formal Meeting Minutes
Health and Human Services Building
855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
Conference Room 203 B
July 21, 2026

Meeting called to order at 17:00 by Blanchard

Present: Bill Blanchard, Larry Hingtgen, Tera Denial, and Mandy Coates

Guests: Nathan Peters, Johnson County Attorney's Office

Unless noted, all actions were taken unanimously

1. Call to order
2. Presentation from Peggy Dickey, Iowa City Veterans Affairs Social Worker, regarding suicide prevention and statistics
3. Motion by Hingtgen, second by Denial to approve the June minutes
4. Motion by Denial, second by Hingtgen to approve the June vouchers
5. FY26 year-end budget came in at 72% utilized. Federal revenue for Johnson County from VA Compensation and Pension payments for the month of June was \$3,604,315.00. Joshua Brown, CVSO is on military orders for a year. Coates met with the Social Services General Assistance team to be a back-up for VA temporary emergency assistance for when Coates is out of the office for an extended period. Coates and Brown held a table for outreach at Iowa City Pride. Coates presented the commission with the claim forms submitted for the month and phone call data.
6. Nathan Peters presented the information requested from the Director and the Commission regarding the I-9 and payment process for the county regarding IRS/IPERS requirements
7. Appointment for Chairperson and Secretary was tabled due to not all commission members being present
8. Coates presented the Succession and Resiliency planning for the Veterans Affairs Office which entailed who to contact upon the absence of the Director and CVSO
9. HF2491 Tuition Assistance for 100% PT was discussed
10. No reports from the Commission
11. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18th at 1700 at the HHS Building

Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 18:10

Recorded by Mandy Coates

These minutes will be presented to the Secretary for approval during our August 2026 meeting.

8/18/2026
Date:

Signature on File
Secretary or Alternate