

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD  
December 23, 2025**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers

**David Allen (MCL) Chair**

**MCL 1253 – Willie Berry**

DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (absent), Mike Peeken (absent)

AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn, Jim Grimes**

AL 1019 – **Carey Hall, Jim Wasser**

AL 408 – Nic Smith (absent), **Mark Warpet**

AL 755 - **Dan Horton, Joe Gaca**

AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess, Fritz Fritzgerald**

AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**, Tim Cmielowicz (absent)

AL 85 – John McGarey (excused), Daniel Guimond (absent)

AmVets 107 - Tom Page (excused), Tony Just (absent)

VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**

VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), Nick Monacelli (absent)

VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**

Office staff: Eric Peterson, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac

5. Public Comment - none
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings

A motion was made by Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark W. to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael L., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne B. to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

8. Report of committees –

The by-laws committee met before full meeting. By-law review was completed. Amendments were made and handed out to all members present. First reading of by-law changes presented.

9. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mark W., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manny Q. to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

Superintendent Peterson went through the bidding that had happened at the County Highways, Buildings and Waterways committee meeting. A motion was made by Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willie Berry to accept the lowest responsible bid as presented by the Carlisle Group. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

11. New Business

The 2026 meeting dates were presented. A motion was made by Wayne B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark W to accept the meeting dates as printed.

12. Retire Colors

13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael L. to adjourn. Motion carried.