

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

April 10, 2025

Chair: Bob Nichols

Vice Chair: Kelly Jones

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; *italics indicates excused*]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Bob Brennan
Gene Couture
Charles Ingalls
Bob Nichols
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy
Bruce Maas
Patrick Locke
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Greg Gilbertson
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Bryan McGillis
Tonya Wark
Tamara Elam
Michael Langsdorf
Lloyd Bowman
Buck Marr
Joe Fettig

ALTERNATE

Jonathan Frederick
Vanise Pratt
Roy Day
Earl Edwards
Thomas Brandt
Stewart Bauer
Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Abby Molloy, Nooreen Ebrahim

Guests: Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center), Elizabeth McNannay (Resource Consultants)

Approval of March 13, 2025 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Shannon Roberts that was seconded by Kelly Jones. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: None

Nominations: None

Consolidated Plan Presentation, Elizabeth McNannay

- Working with Clark County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program (HOME) staff to prepare the County's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The plan will provide direction for how CDBG and HOME funds will be spent to support low-and-moderate income residents of Clark County.
- Examples of eligible programs for CDBG funding are housing rehabilitation, economic development, and public facilities. HOME programs support affordable housing and tenant based rental assistance.
- The next steps of the plan are to complete community engagement activities, present the plan draft to County Council, and submit the plan to the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- In 2023, efforts to support homeless veterans were strengthened and 2024 data showed a 25% decrease in homeless veterans compared to 2023.

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Questions and Comments:

C: The number of homeless veterans in Clark County is more than what was presented today.

A: The data was provided via the Point-In-Time count and is likely not 100% accurate.

Q: Can this money assist with rent and mortgage for veterans struggling to make payments?

A: Yes, temporary assistance can be provided for up to 90 days. The Board was encouraged to attend County Council and Urban County Policy Board meetings to share the need for these programs.

Q: With public services being an important community need, will they be funded in the future?

A: This will be the recommendation to the Urban County Policy Board based on feedback received.

Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Presentation, Judy Russel

- An overview of the staff and services available at the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center was given.
- The importance of grants and fundraisers to the current and future services provided by the CCVAC was stressed.
- Services provided through the Veterans Assistance Fund were outlined and include food vouchers, rental assistance, and dental assistance.

Questions and Comments:

Q: How many veterans are repeatedly being served?

A: About 1/3 of visitors to the center have been assisted multiple times.

February 2025 Contractor & Fund Reports

- CCVAC: 55 Veterans served in February, services totaling \$34,044.97. 45 male veterans, 8 female veterans, 1 widow, 0 other veterans. 15 denials, 0 subject to appeal. 584 visits to the center for essentials and food, 862 sack breakfasts/lunches provided and 44 food boxes provided. 3,396 total pounds of food. 716.5 volunteer hours, totaling \$29,376.50 in value.
- Free Clinic: 3 Veterans served in February. Services totaled \$1,607 in value; billed \$736.76.
- VAF Fund: February revenue: \$47,609.55; expenditures: \$74,535.62 fund balance: \$462,038.50.

Questions and Comments

Q: Data shows that there were four widows served in February, why does the presentation only show one?

A: Staff will confirm the correct number and update the board.

Code of Conduct Discussion and Approval

Differences between the County Ethics Commission and the VAB's Code of Conduct were outlined.

A motion to approve the Veterans Advisory Board Code of Conduct as presented was made by Kelly Jones and seconded by Steve Slegers. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

None presented.

New Business

None presented.

Open Forum and Public Comment

- Tonya Wark shared the opportunity for the VAB to have a booth at an upcoming event.
- Bruce Maas informed the board that the memorial service for Royce Pollard would be conducted on April 11th at the Firstenburg Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Langsdorf and seconded by Lloyd Bowman. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting May 8, 2025.