

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: VETERANS' SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STEC
BENTLEY
SOKOL

OTHERS PRESENT:

WILLIAM MCGARR, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
HAL PAYNE, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FISCAL SERVICES
JOANN MCKINSTRY, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL SERVICES
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
CHARLENE DIRESTA, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Stec called the meeting of the Veterans' Services Committee to order at 9:48 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2006 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William McGarr, Director of Veterans' Services, who distributed copies of his 2008 proposed budget, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. McGarr apprised that the Veteran's Services Budget (A.6510) reflected a 2008 request of \$83,271 as compared to the 2007 appropriations of \$83,298, a decrease of \$27. Mr. Stec noted that the 200's Equipment had budgeted \$50 for 2007 and reflected a request of zero dollars for 2008. Mr. McGarr stated the \$50 had been requested for the purchase of a new antenna for the radio on the bus and would be expended by the end of 2007.

Mr. McGarr said that Code A.6510 444 (Travel/Education/Conference) remained flat with 2007 at \$600. He added that he had used over half of the \$600 for 2007 and he still had to attend a one week seminar.

Mr. Stec noted that the 2008 request reflected a slight decrease from the 2007 appropriations. Mr. McGarr apprised that on the Budget Performance Report, Code A.6510 470 (Contract) showed that only 3% had been expended to date. He explained that the reason for this was that they had two Medicaid patients from the Social Services Department every day for six months. He added that on those days, the Veterans' Services Department was not required to pay for use of the

van. He said that if he did not have to transport anyone for 2008, the van would cost \$7,200, of which he was only submitting a budget request for \$5,400.

Mr. McGarr advised that there was a request for \$800 for the sick leave incentive for 2008, as well as a request to increase his base salary from \$38,906 to \$40,071, an increase of \$1,165. He added that the amount requested reflected a salary increase of approximately 3%.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the 2008 Veterans' Services Budget, authorize the Committee Chairman to sign it and forward same to the Budget Officer.

As there was no further business to come before the Veterans' Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. Stec adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene DiResta, Legislative Office Specialist