

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B. Attendance was as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>
William Chickering		X	Lee Lull, Mac Elliott
Teri Sue Freehling	X		
Dave Vollrath	X		
			Shelley Jasper

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

- Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Vollrath to approve the quarterly retirements as presented. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

**VETERAN SERVICES**

Lee Lull, Veteran’s Affairs Administrator, provided the first quarter update. Highlights included:

- Review of various meetings attended and outreach efforts during the quarter
- Quarterly statistics including burial claims, DAV transportation, in office veteran count, and veteran claims.
- Review and discussion of the Veteran Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act
- Medical billing problems with the Veteran’s Health Administration regarding emergency care claims at non-VA facilities. Lee provided the foundation for his reasoning that the VA should pay the remaining 20% of claims covered by Medicare and discussed same.
- The office has two new temporary employees funded through a grant
- Construction is underway for the new veteran’s conference room. Lee mentioned his desire to request the conference room be named for long time veteran advocate Warren Schultz.

Lee also discussed the recent decision making Vietnam era “Bluewater” Navy veterans eligible to file the same Agent Orange presumptive conditions and diseases claims as veterans who served on the ground.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Elliott reviewed the consent calendar and discussed the possible Parks millage increase. Administrator Wolf will work with Parks Director Brian Bailey to develop a priority listing for projects within the various Park facilities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Adjourned 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper  
Human Resources Director