

November 30, 2018

VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

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MEMBERS: Marvin Finendale, Chair
Dennis Dalbec
Mary Lou Bergman
Eual Moore
Jill Fortin
Glen Erickson
Ron Leino
Clint Mattson, Alt.

AMENDED A G E N D A

(Committee to maintain a two-hour meeting limit or take action to continue meeting beyond that time).

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of minutes from the October 4, 2018, meeting (attached).
3. Informational items:
 - a) Veterans Service Officer report (attached);
 - b) Greenwood Cemetery, Soliders Square – Marking of graves for spouse of veteran (attached); and
 - c) Northern Wisconsin veteran needs (to present to legislators).
4. Future agenda items.
5. Adjournment.

cc: Ann Doucette Susan Sandvick Shelley Nelson (Telegram)
Brian Erickson County Board Supervisors Douglas County Website

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Name Date

11-30-18

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Thursday, October 4, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Marvin Finendale.

ROLL CALL: Present – Marvin Finendale, Dennis Dalbec, Jill Fortin, Eual Moore, Glen Erickson, Clint Mattson. Absent – Mary Lou Bergman, Ron Leino. Others present – Brian Erickson, Mark Liebaert, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dalbec, second Moore, to approve minutes from the August 2, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Department working within budget; revenue below projected level due to low van use. Health and Human Services Board and Administration Committee voted to discontinue van services at budget meetings; final approval occurs by County Board end of month.

VETERAN NEEDS/CARE: Indianhead Community Action Agency has limited funds available for veteran legal assistance. A mental health and short term rehabilitation facility are needed in northern Wisconsin. A collective effort to present northern veteran needs to Madison and as Superior Days item is recommended. Erickson to compile information for committee to review as items of need to present to legislators in Madison.

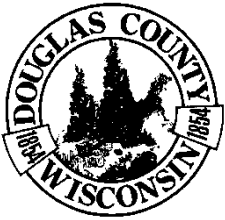
KING CONFERENCE FEEDBACK: First time Douglas County has attended; presenters recommended being more vocal in Madison and pushing necessary issues. Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund policies are decided by individual counties due to broad state statutes. Current policy is very restrictive; Erickson to review for amendments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Northern Wisconsin veteran needs (to present to legislators).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Moore, second Dalbec, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk



As of: Nov 27, 2018

VSO Status

Veteran Services Advisory Committee December 6, 2018

Veterans Service Office
Douglas County, WI

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Douglas County Veteran Service Officer - Financial Management

As of: Nov 27, 2018

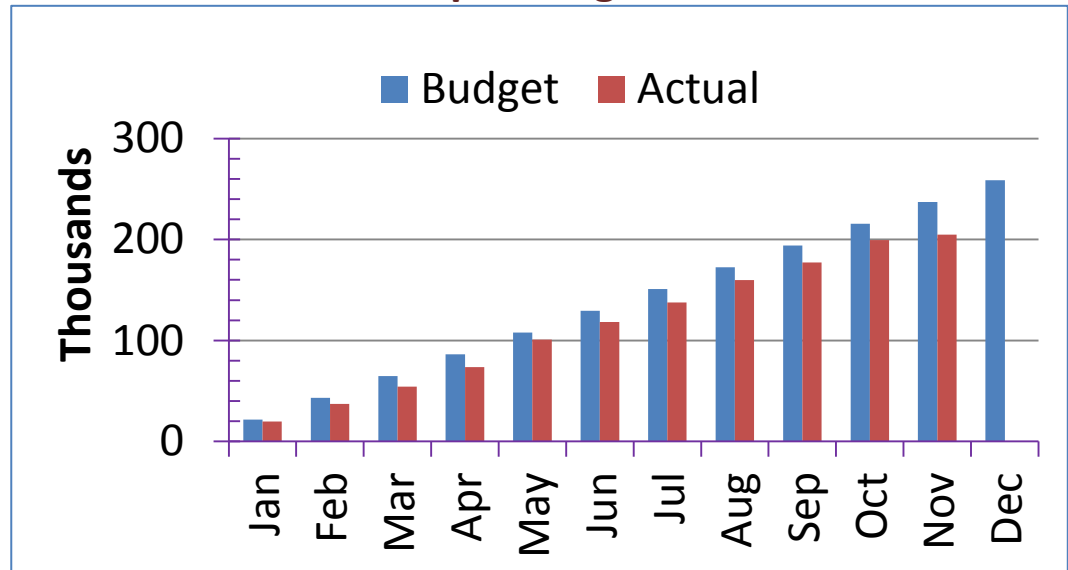


Owner:	Brian Erickson	Objective	The Douglas County VSO will: responsibly manage limited resources and ensure budgeted funds meet the needs and purpose of the Veteran Service Office.
Measure:	Financial Management	Key Initiatives:	To ensure we are within our target budget for CY18.

Date	2018 Budget	Actual Monthly
Jan	\$21,543.00	\$19,669.43
Feb	\$21,543.00	\$17,570.63
Mar	\$21,543.00	\$17,165.84
Apr	\$21,543.00	\$19,368.90
May	\$21,543.00	\$27,072.77
Jun	\$21,543.00	\$17,359.00
Jul	\$21,543.00	\$19,432.35
Aug	\$21,543.00	\$22,239.63
Sep	\$21,543.00	\$17,477.53
Oct	\$21,543.00	\$22,156.41
Nov	\$21,543.00	\$5,443.14~
Dec	\$21,543.00	\$

~ Pending 2018 November final updates

VSO Operating Costs

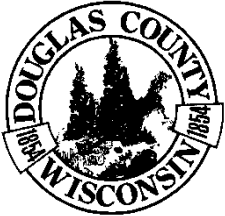


Operating Expenses

Target = \$236,973.00
 Actual = \$204,955.63~
 Variance = \$32,017.37~

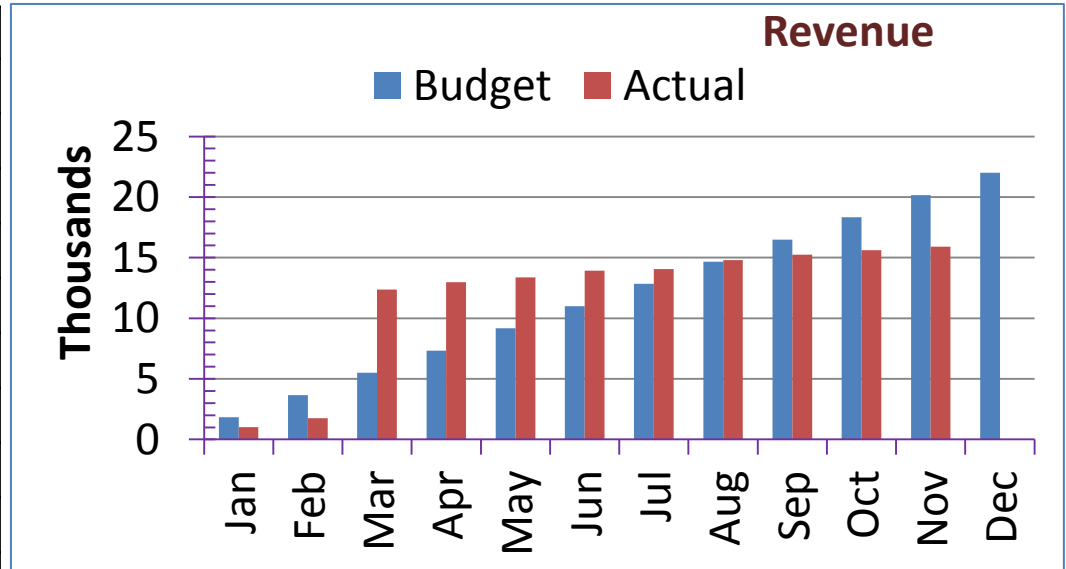
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Measure:	Financial Management	Key Initiatives:	To ensure we are within our target Revenue for CY18.

Date	2018 Budget	Actual Monthly
Jan	\$1,833.00	\$1,008.00+
Feb	\$1,833.00	\$740.00+
Mar	\$1,833.00	\$10,630.00+#
Apr	\$1,833.00	\$592.00+
May	\$1,833.00	\$403.00+
Jun	\$1,833.00	\$552.00+
Jul	\$1,833.00	\$125.00+
Aug	\$1,833.00	\$740.00+
Sep	\$1,833.00	\$449.00+
Oct	\$1,833.00	\$369.00+
Nov	\$1,833.00	\$286.00+
Dec	\$1,833.00	\$



Revenues to Date
 Target = \$20,163.00
 Actual = \$15,894~
 Variance = (\$4,269.00)~

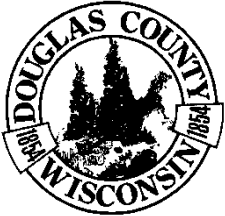
Projected 2018 Revenue Shortfall
(\$5,500.00)

+ Collected, Public Charges for Services
 # WDVA, CVSO Grant
 ~ Pending Nov 2018 final Updates

Total Revenues do not include 2017 \$4000.00 Carry Over General Donation from PIGS Organization.

Douglas County Veteran Service Officer - Financial Management

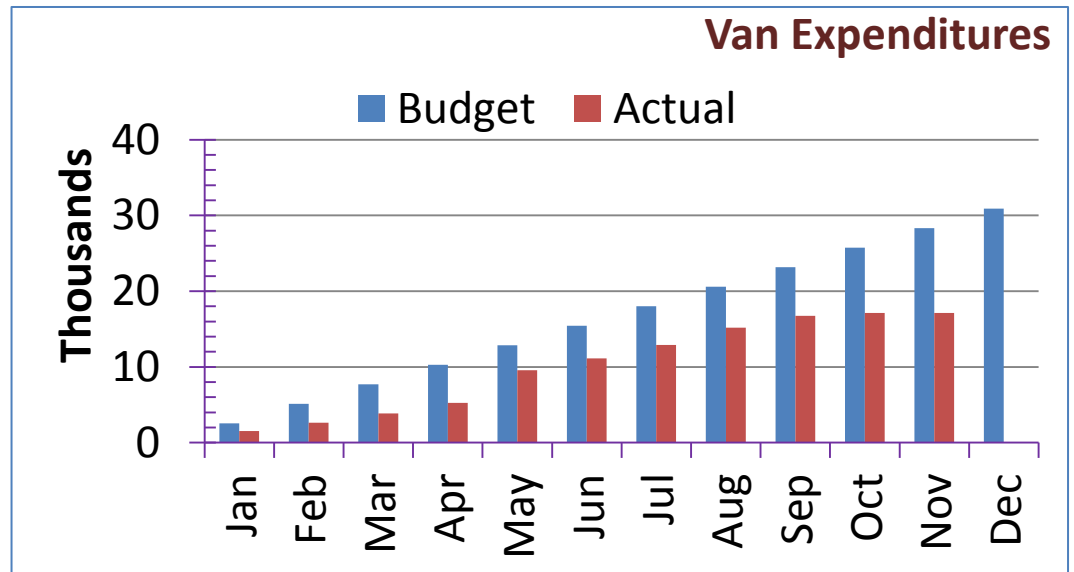
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Owner:	Brian Erickson	Objective	The Douglas County VSO will: responsibly manage limited resources and ensure budgeted funds meet the needs and purpose of the Veteran Service Office.
Measure:	Financial Management	Key Initiatives:	Monitor Transportation costs for CY18.

Date	2018 Budget	Actual Monthly
Jan	\$2575.00	\$1,535.05
Feb	\$2575.00	\$1,123.70
Mar	\$2575.00	\$1,186.25
Apr	\$2575.00	\$1421.72
May	\$2575.00	\$4,280.67
Jun	\$2575.00	\$1,603.24
Jul	\$2575.00	\$1,745.90
Aug	\$2575.00	\$2,302.39
Sep	\$2575.00	\$1565.32
Oct	\$2575.00	\$370.02
Nov	\$2575.00	\$0.00~
Dec	\$2575.00	\$

*Insurance Payment
 ~ Pending Nov 2018 final Updates



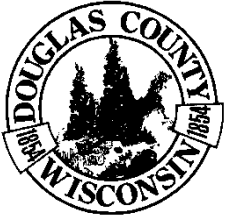
Expenses to Date

Target = \$28325.00
 Actual = \$17134.26~
 Variance = \$11,190.74~

Note: Van Expenditures include Driver Stipend, Maintenance & Repairs, Gas, Oil & Insurance.

Douglas County Veteran Service Officer – Veteran Contact

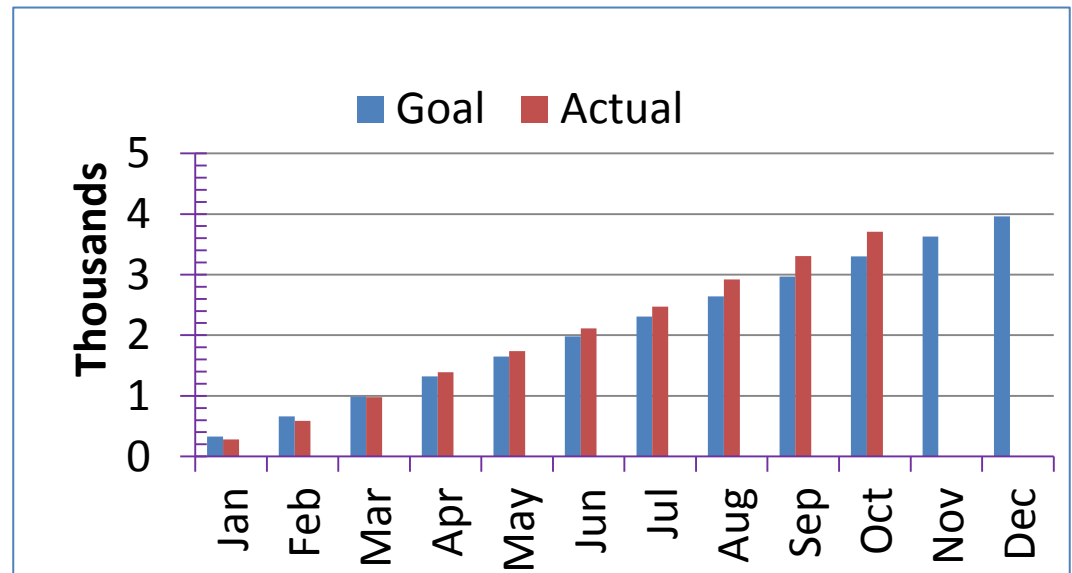
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Owner:	Brian Erickson	Objective	Conduct Outreach in order to serve the nearly 3700 veterans in the county and ensure Claims for Benefits are being provided to those that are eligible.
Measure:	Veteran Contact	Key Initiatives:	Monitor monthly Veteran Service Office Contacts Along with Compensation claims filed.

Date	2018 Goal	Actual Vets Contacted
Jan	330	278
Feb	330	308
Mar	330	389
Apr	330	415
May	330	346
Jun	330	377
Jul	330	357
Aug	330	449
Sep	330	385
Oct	330	406
Nov	330	
Dec	330	

Number of Veterans Contacted



Total New Veterans Contacted in Oct 2018 = 27

Total Veteran Contacts in 2018 = 3,710

Claims Increase from 2017 = 0.0%



Bronze



Granite

BURIAL OF VETERANS SPOUSE WITHIN SOLDIERS SQUARE GREENWOOD CEMETERY, DOUGLAS COUNTY, WI

- Survey Request
- Douglas County Veteran Service Organizations

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November 29, 2018

HONORING THE VETERANS SPOUSE WITH APPROVED BURIAL MARKER

- Douglas County owns approximately 1,440 graves within Greenwood Cemetery for the purpose of providing a final resting place for our veterans.
- In 1989 the Veteran Service Officer stipulated to the Greenwood Cemetery Association that:
 - 1. Widows cremains can be buried in the Veterans grave. The Veteran must pre-decease his wife.
 - 2. Internment expenses for the burial of the widows cremains will not be a responsibility of Douglas County.
 - 3. Burial of the widows cremains will be with the understanding that a marker for the widow will NOT be allowed.
- The cemetery has a rule that two people can be placed in the same grave however, at least one of the deceased must be cremated remains.
- They do not have a rule against placing two markers on the same grave site.

HONORING THE VETERANS SPOUSE WITH APPROVED BURIAL MARKER

- Presently there are no separate markers identifying the spouse if they are interned with the veteran within Soldiers Square.
- It is proposed that we also honor the spouse with a marker as well as the veteran.
- Additional proposal to modify the 1989 policy by:
 - 1. changing the term “widow” and “wife” to “spouse”; and
 - 2. Removing “The Veteran must pre-decease his wife”; and
 - 3 . Allowing a Spouses marker to be displayed on the Veterans plot below the Veterans Marker in a unified manner within Soldiers Square sector of the cemetery.

HONORING THE VETERANS SPOUSE WITH APPROVED BURIAL MARKER

- Please review the two options for labeling of graves within Greenwoods Soldiers Square area of the cemetery.
- **Options A & B** could be placed only on graves in the new unused section of soldier square or we could allow it to also be incorporated with the existing graves within Soldier Square for past & future burials.
- The differences between **Option A & Option B** on the following pages are the type of flat markers proposed to be used.
- **Option A** would be traditional bronze marker for the Veteran and granite engraved marker for the spouse.
- **Option B** is the traditional bronze marker for both the Veteran and the spouse.
- The goal here is to honor both the Veteran and the Spouse and keep Soldiers Square in a Uniform Order.

Option A - Flat Marker Dual Markers per Grave Site Bronze & Granite



**Current Marker
Identifying Veteran**

No Marker if Spouse
Is buried with Veteran



**Spouses Full Name
DOB - DOD
Beloved
Wife/Husband of
Rank Veterans Name
Branch of Service**

**Proposed Markers
Identifying Veteran and
Spouse.**

Veterans Marker would be
Bronze and placed at top of
grave. Spouses marker
would be Granite and
placed below Veterans.

Option B - Flat Marker Dual Markers per Grave Site Bronze Only



Current Marker Identifying Veteran

No Marker if Spouse
Is buried with Veteran



Spouses Full Name
DOB - DOD
Beloved
Wife/Husband of
Rank Veterans Name
Branch of Service

Proposed Markers Identifying Veteran and Spouse.

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