

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **VETERANS' SERVICES**

DATE: August 25, 2006

Committee Members Present:	Others Present:
Supervisors	William McGarr, Director, Veterans' Services
Stec	Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board
Bentley	Debra L. Schreiber, Legislative Office Specialist
Barody	

Mr. Stec called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Barody, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2005 Veterans' Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William McGarr, Director of Veterans' Services, who distributed copies of his 2007 proposed budget, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Briefly Mr. McGarr reviewed the proposed 2007 Veterans' Services budget (A.6510). According to the 2007 budget proposal, he requested \$85,028 compared to the 2006 appropriation of \$84,901, an increase of \$127. Mr. McGarr stated they anticipated receiving a new van in 2008; however, with respect to the .2's, Equipment, he requested \$50 to purchase a new antenna for the current vehicle. Referring to the .4's, he noted the 2006 appropriation of \$2,500 for Travel, Education and Conference compared to the 2007 budget request of \$1,800, a \$700 decrease.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Barody and carried unanimously to approve the 2007 Veterans' Services budget, authorize the Chairman to sign it and forward same to the Budget Officer.

Mr. McGarr related Warren County received \$7.7 million in pension and compensation benefits for 2006.

A discussion ensued relative to the recent change in property tax exemptions after which Mr. Stec asked the Clerk of the Board to forward a letter to all town supervisors apprising them the County had passed a resolution increasing the maximum exemption for veterans in March of 2006 and recommended the municipalities adopt a similar resolution.

There being no further business to come before the Veterans' Services Committee,

on motion by Mr. Barody, seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. Stec adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Debra L. Schreiber, Legislative Specialist