

AGENDA

Thursday, November 5, 2015 - 10:00 AM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Beginning Board Order No. 2015-119

CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS *(Following are items of interest to the citizens of the County)*

1. Recognition of Veterans Day (Erika Silvers, Clackamas County Veterans Services)
2. Recognition of Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Valuable Contribution Award (Deputy Adam Tingey)

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION *(The Chair of the Board will call for statements from citizens regarding issues relating to County government. It is the intention that this portion of the agenda shall be limited to items of County business which are properly the object of Board consideration and may not be of a personal nature. Persons wishing to speak shall be allowed to do so after registering on the blue card provided on the table outside of the hearing room prior to the beginning of the meeting. Testimony is limited to three (3) minutes. Comments shall be respectful and courteous to all.)*

III. CONSENT AGENDA *(The following Items are considered to be routine, and therefore will not be allotted individual discussion time on the agenda. Many of these items have been discussed by the Board in Work Sessions. The items on the Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion unless a Board member requests, before the vote on the motion, to have an item considered at its regular place on the agenda.)*

A. Health, Housing & Human Services

1. Approval of Contract 30732-CC with Ride Connection, Inc. to Provide Funding for Rides Provided by Members of the Clackamas County Transportation Consortium – *Social Services*

B. Department of Transportation & Development

1. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to Implement the Fiscal Year 1015-2016 (Year 26) Annual Waste Reduction and Recycle at Work Program

C. Department of Emergency Management

1. Approval of Fiscal Year 15 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreements with the State of Oregon for Emergency Management Training, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Development and Completion of a Clackamas County Medical Examiner's Regional Response Team Mass Fatality Exercise

D. Elected Officials

1. Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes – BCC

IV. DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1. Approval of a Funding Agreement between Clackamas County and the Clackamas County Development Agency to Cover Additional Debt Service on the Brooks Building

V. WATER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

(Service District No. 1, Tri-City Service District & Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County)

1. Approval of a construction Contract between Tri-city Service District and Boede Construction, Inc. for the Willamette Pump Station Rehabilitation Project

VI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

VII. COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATION

NOTE: Regularly scheduled Business Meetings are televised and broadcast on the Clackamas County Government Channel. These programs are also accessible through the County's Internet site. DVD copies of regularly scheduled BCC Thursday Business Meetings are available for checkout at the Clackamas County Library in Oak Grove. You may also order copies from any library in Clackamas County or the Clackamas County Government Channel.

www.clackamas.us/bcc/business.html

November 5, 2015

Board of County Commissioner
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Recognition of Veterans Day

Purpose/Outcomes	Acknowledge the service, commitment and sacrifices of those who have served our great nation. Appreciation and support for those who have served and those who are currently serving, and for the family and friends who are also impacted by military service.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	N/A
Safety Impact	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action	None
Contact Person	Brenda Durbin, Director, Social Services Division 503-655-8641
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

Since 1938, the United States has commemorated the sacrifices of its armed forces by designating November 11th as a national holiday. Today, the Program Manager of the Clackamas County Veterans Service Office and the Program Director of Community Solutions for Clackamas County come before the Board of County Commissioners to acknowledge the service, commitment and sacrifices of those who have served our great nation. Appreciation and support for those who have served and those who are currently serving, and for the family and friends who are also impacted by military service, is needed now more than ever.

Clackamas County continues to use innovative strategies to support our Veterans by helping them address a broad spectrum of needs.

The County Veterans Service Office assists veterans to obtain VA financial and medical benefits. This year the County's Veterans Service Office staff members, Janice Harlan-Tafoya, Gina Thomas, Heather Miewald, Michael McMillan and Jackie Bauer had 1,336 claims granted, a 67% increase over last year. The CVSO helped secure more than \$8.9 million dollars in federal benefits for Clackamas County veterans.

Community Solutions assists veterans in need of training and employment with individualized workforce services. These veterans have multiple complex needs including poverty, disability and criminal justice involvement. Last year, 83% of veterans who received training were placed into jobs earning an average of \$13.52 an hour or 43% above minimum wage.

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The County maintains an active, 18 member Veterans Advisory Committee that ensures that the perspective of a broad diversity of Clackamas County veterans have the opportunity to impact County plans and services.

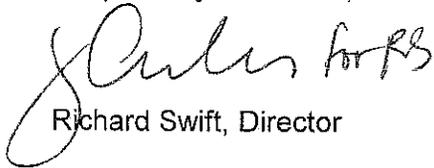
Specifically in support of the Performance Clackamas goal of cutting veteran homelessness in half, 46 VASH vouchers have been issued to Clackamas County. A new Veterans Rapid Re-Housing program is about to launch and new coordination is taking place between the VA, H3S and community partners serving homeless veterans.

Clackamas County supports its veterans.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that the Board recognize and honor the service, commitment and sacrifices of all military personnel, reservists, Veterans and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Swift for RB", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Richard Swift, Director

Veteran's Day



PRESENTATION TO THE
CLACKAMAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

VETERANS IN THE STATE AND COUNTY

Veterans in Oregon	316,626*
Veterans in Clackamas County	34,380**
Veterans in County Workforce	

-Every level, every Department, major impact on County infrastructure and services. (DES software currently cannot total)

* Only 30% of eligible Oregon veterans are currently receiving VA benefits

** 74 Veterans were counted in the 2015 Homeless Count



GOALS FOR VETERANS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

- Employment, training and education opportunities are available so that all veterans in Clackamas County can obtain living wage employment
- Returning veterans receive the support they need to successfully re-enter local communities, including veterans with physical disabilities, PTSD and traumatic brain injuries
- Easy access to VA benefits is available through the County Veterans Service Office

GOALS (CONT'D)

- Families are supported before, during, and after deployment
- All homeless veterans in Clackamas County have the services and supports they need to regain stable housing
- Increased housing assistance options are available including a variety of housing models to meet unique veteran needs

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES



CLACKAMAS VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

During 2014-15, CVSO staff

- Met with 2,008 clients
 - Filed 867 initial compensation claims
 - Had 1,336 claims granted, a 67% increase from last year
 - Generated new federal monetary benefits of \$8.9 million dollars.
- Increased compensation and benefits brought to Clackamas veterans by **89% between 2007-2013**

CLACKAMAS VETERANS' WORKFORCE PROGRAM (COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS)

- Served 40 Veterans
 - 85% received training
 - 83% became employed
- Average wage \$13.52
 - Jobs included: construction, government, security, public works, and customer service
 - 8% on the job training or work experience
- Demographics:
 - 22% former offenders,
 - 27% have a disability,
 - 20% previously received public assistance



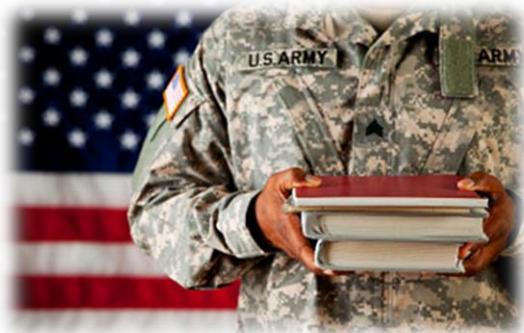
HOUSING FOR VETERANS

- **VASH Vouchers** provide on-going rental assistance:
 - 30 formerly homeless veteran households provided with on-going rental assistance to maintain housing stability
 - 15 more homeless veterans have been issued vouchers and are searching for housing
 - 1 more voucher remaining to be assigned
- **Hope Programs** provide Permanent Supporting Housing to chronically homeless veterans and their families.
 - Four households, comprised of 4 adults and 9 children, received housing and support services.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Veterans Education and Training Center and Veterans Services Department at Clackamas Community College

4,900 individual education & training services were provided during the year; 200 veterans per term utilized VA educational benefits in pursuit of a degree or certificate program



ACTIVITIES IN 2015-16



VETS RAPID RE-HOUSING & LANDLORD OUTREACH

This new program will house 10 homeless veteran households, with the goal to stabilize their housing and income and exit them within two years. It will also focus on building the network of landlords working with H3S and HACC rental subsidy programs to maximize housing options for veterans and others.

HOMELESS VETERAN OUTREACH TEAM CONTINUES

The homeless veteran outreach team has identified and engaged with more than 140 homeless veterans, 12 are now housed with VASH vouchers. The team will continue to engage with identified homeless veterans, building their trust and linking them with income and housing programs.

ACTIVITIES IN 2015-16

OUTREACH

- Outreach continues to reach Veterans and their families who may not be aware of the free services offered by the CVSO to assist them in receiving any or all of the benefits they have earned.
- Focus also remains on veterans in long term care facilities who are not connected to additional benefits that could help them afford their needed level of care.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

- Veterans have double the risk of completing suicide than non-veterans. Veterans suicide prevention training is November 16.

MUCH MORE WORK TO DO....

- **EMPLOYMENT:** Veterans in Oregon experience unemployment rates that are higher than the nation average for veterans, and are higher than the rate for non-veterans in Oregon
- **MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA:** The stigma associated with mental health problems is a serious barrier to veterans accessing needed services.
- **TRAUMA:** Female and male veterans experience unique health and mental health concerns, including the impact of military sexual trauma.
- **HOMELESSNESS:** The majority of homeless veterans identified during the 2015 homeless count reported having a disability.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CVSO!

- CVSO Location Public Services Building, 2nd Floor
205 I Kaen Road, Oregon City
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. to noon
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Phone 503-650-5631
- Email veterans@clackamas.us
- Website <http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/veterans.html>

PLEASE CONTACT THE CLACKAMAS VETERANS WORKFORCE PROGRAM!

- Community Solutions Location: 112 11th St.
Oregon City
Monday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 5pm
- Phone 503-650-8914
- Email KenBie@clackamas.us
- Website <http://www.clackamas.us/communitysolutions/employment.html>

THANKS VETERANS



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