

**FERRY COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-47  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-30**

**BYLAWS FOR THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE BOARD**

WHEREAS, RCW 73.08 provides for distribution of the County Veterans' Assistance Fund; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2008 the Ferry County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 94-06 Establishing the Veterans assistance Board and Adopting Bylaws for the Same; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be recommended by the Veterans Assistance Board Committee Member to be approved by the seated Ferry County Board of Commissioners' under RCW 36.32.120 Powers of Legislative Authority and Resolution No. 94-06 and will provide its own administrative needs with a yearly budget that will be drawn from Veterans Relief 180 Fund outlined under classification item expenditures; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1996 the Ferry County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 96-43 Amending the Bylaws for the Veterans Assistance Board; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1997 the Ferry County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 97-38 to increase the maximum payment for burial of indigent deceased veterans from \$300.00 to \$515.20; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2008 the Ferry County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2008-07 to increase the financial assistance from \$300.00 to \$500.00 and to increase the maximum payment of burial of indigent deceased veterans from \$515.20 to \$700.00; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2008 the Board of Ferry County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2008-30 amending the organization of the Board members, the guidelines of approval of assistance (assistance suspension, article III – section I and cremation expense, article VIII – section 2-D) and changing meeting requirements from annual to monthly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ferry County Veterans Assistance Board Bylaws are hereby amended as follows:

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# BYLAWS

## Article I – Name

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Veterans' Assistance Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

## Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Ferry County Commissioners on budget matters relating to the County Veterans' Assistance Fund. These bylaws are enacted under the authority of RCW Chapter 73.08 Veterans' Relief, and RCW Chapter 36.32.120 Powers of Legislative Authority.

## Article III – Responsibilities

Section 1. The Board will review requests from the various veterans' organizations, and make recommendations to the Ferry County Commissioners regarding the utilization of the Veterans' Assistance Fund. An applicant, who knowingly, falsely or fraudulently provides erroneous, incorrect information or refuses, conceals needed information required on the application will be suspended from receiving relief for one year from date of application on the approval and vote of the seated Veteran Assistant Board Committee. Any applicant verbally abusing or threatening county organizations or concerns as well as members of the committee will be suspended from assistance for one year; suspension will require a two third vote from the entire committee.

Section 2. The Board will establish a set of guidelines on the use of funds as budgeted by Ferry County. Such guidelines will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

## Article IV – Membership

Section 1. The Board will be composed of not more than nine (9) members or less than three (3). These members can represent Veteran Organizations both in and outside of Ferry County for a seat on the Veterans Relief Indigent Fund Board Committee will require a unanimous vote by the present members. An application will be submitted and will be part of the process for considerations.

Section 2. Veteran's Organizations Represented:

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- a. American Legion = A.L.

- b. Veterans of Foreign Wars = V.F.W.
- c. American Veteran = AM-VETS.
- d. U.S. Armed Forces Legacy = U.S.A.F.L
- e. Marine Corps League = M.C.L.
- f. Disable American Veterans = D.A.V.
- g. Forty of Eight = F.E.
- h. N.E.W. A. Mountain Veterans Service Center = N.E.W.A.MTN.V.S.C

And any other national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be chartered by an act of congress, which shall undertake the relief of indigent veterans and their families.

Section 3. A president, vice president and secretary will be elected each September. No person may be elected who is not a member of a veteran's organization.

a. Duties

1. Chairman (or Vice Commander): To know parliamentary law and procedures and the organization's rules and bylaws. To preside at all meetings of the Board and maintain order throughout proceedings. To direct the business of the meeting, take up each piece of business in its proper order. To entertain and state all motions properly coming before the assembly. To maintain order, decide all points of order, to vote only to break a tie, and to vote when the vote is taken by ballot. To call special meetings as the need arises. To perform such other duties as are prescribed in the bylaws. To file the annual report referenced in Article IV, Section 5.
2. Vice Chairman: Becomes Chairman in the case of the vacancy of the Chairman from office, or his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, at which time a new Vice Chairman will be elected to the Committee.
3. Secretary: To call a meeting to order in the absence of a duly authorized presiding officer and to preside pending the election of one. To maintain a complete and up-to-date roll of the veterans organizations. To read the minutes of meetings and other papers or documents. To record the proceedings, to aid the chair in every way possible, to authenticate by his/her signature all minutes, records, acts, etc. To prepare the annual report referenced in Article IV, Section 5.

Section 4. The Committee member from each veteran's organization should represent his/her organization at the Board meetings.

Section 5. During the month of October the Board shall provide the Ferry County Auditor's Office with a report as provided in RCW 73.08.040. This report shall be filed by the Secretary of the Board, and will notify the Auditor of the current Board members, and of the current officers of the Board as outlined in Section 3 of these bylaws. This report shall also contain a detailed statement of the amount of relief furnished during the preceding year, with the names of all persons to whom such relief shall have been furnished together with a brief statement in each case from the Board upon whose recommendations the orders were drawn.

#### Article V – Meetings

Section 1. A meeting of the Veterans' Assistance Advisory Board will have the Chairman call a meeting no less than quarterly.

Section 2. A quorum for meeting shall consist of three (3) board members.

Section 3. A written record of the monthly meeting shall be maintained by the secretary to be made available to all Board members.

#### Article VI – Veterans Defined

Section 1. "Veterans" defined for certain purposes – has served in any branch or is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and has:

- a. Received an honorable discharge: or
- b. Received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record: or
- c. Been released from active military service with evidence of service (DD-214/discharge papers) other than that for which an undesirable, bad conduct, or discharge shall be given.

RCW 73.04.040 Recording honorable discharge without charge – Certified copy as proof. (DD-214).

A certified copy of such record shall be prima facie proof for all purposes of the services rendered, citizenship, place and date of birth of such veteran.

#### Article VII – Residence Defined

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Section 1. Applicant must be a resident of Ferry County in the State of Washington for one (1) year prior to date of application.

Article VIII – Voucher Procedures

Section 1. Voucher Instructions:

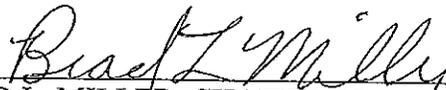
- a. The vouchers being used are self-explanatory: please PRINT clearly.
- b. The warrant will be issued to: NAME OF FIRM, RETAILER, DOCTOR, LANDLORD, etc. Please TYPE or PRINT clearly.
- c. Under special circumstances warrants may be made directly to the veteran.
- d. The DD-214 or discharge papers must be seen before a voucher will be completed.

Section 2. Authorized Items Payable by the Ferry County Veterans' Assistance Fund:

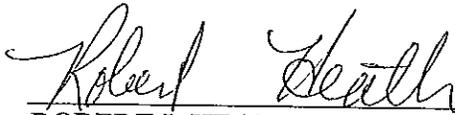
- a. Amounts will be limited to FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) per twelve (12) month period from last date of application to each veteran or family:  
  
FOR ITEMS SUCH AS: Food, rent, utilities, medical transportation, vehicle gas, EXCLUDING EQUITY ASSETS.
- b. Vouchers to food retailers to conform to FOOD STAMP standards.
- c. Any additional funds may be granted with Board approval.
- d. In addition: BURIAL OR CREAMATION EXPENSE can be paid up to a MAXIMUM by Washington State law of SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00) as provided by RCW 73.08.070.

APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2009.

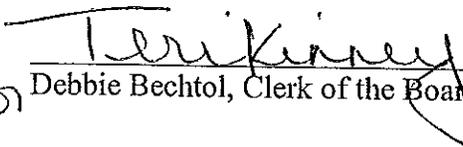
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BRAD L. MILLER, CHAIRMAN

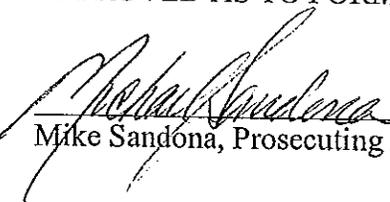
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RONALD "JOE" BOND, VICE CHAIR

  
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ROBERT L HEATH, MEMBER

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Debbie Bechtol, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Mike Sandona, Prosecuting Attorney