



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
November 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PASTOR FARTHING

Pastor Farthing performed the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 9:02 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and Commissioners Thayer and Pettitt were present. Commissioner Richardson was absent.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgement of CDS Pipeline Report
4. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Variance Reports
5. Ratification of Resolution 22-29D, Appointments and Reappointments



E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Veteran Service Officer Ric Morgan provided an update on the assistance provided to County Veteran's throughout the year. Mr. Morgan is honored to be able to serve the Veterans of Elbert County. (the report is included with the minutes). The Commissioners thanked Mr. Morgan for all of his time and service.

County Treasurer Sherry Hewlett provided an update regarding the recent tax sale. Ms. Hewlett stated that the sale went smoothly and taxes were collected.

County Clerk and Recorder Dallas Schroeder provided an update on the November 8th General Election. Mr. Schroeder stated that Elbert County had a 74% turn out and there were 735 in-person voters between all three voter service centers. Mr. Schroeder gave thanks to all the election judges and departments throughout the county who supported the election. Mr. Schroeder explained that the Risk Limiting Audit will begin on Friday, with hopes it will be completed before Thanksgiving.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on Records Retention Policy

County Attorney Bart Greer explained that this policy is moving slowly as it refers to all county departments and all departments have different requirements. Mr. Greer stated that he will continue to work on this and discuss at upcoming meetings.

Public Comment: None

2. Intergovernmental Agreement between Kiowa Waste Water Authority regarding Provisions of Water Services and Infrastructure Improvements for Public Works Facility

Commissioner Rick Pettitt explained that this IGA has been discussed and approved by the parties involved. Commissioner Pettitt asked that it be moved for approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Move the item to action and Approve the IGA with Kiowa Waste Water Authority regarding the Public Works Facility.

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to move the item to action and Approve the IGA with Kiowa Waste Water Authority regarding the Public Works Facility . Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None



3. Discussion on Proposed Ordinance and Resolution Regarding Contractor Licensing

Community and Development Director Greg Thompson provided the proposed Ordinance and Resolution regarding the requirement for Contractors Licenses and fees in Elbert County. Mr. Thompson explained that this is for the assurance that contractors working in Elbert County are properly insured. Mr. Thompson explained that if a contractor is licensed by the state, such as plumbers and electricians, they would not be required to be licensed in Elbert County.

Commissioner Pettitt asked for clarification on if a homeowner pulls the permit and has a contractor do the work, would they need a license?

Mr. Thompson stated that they would not, as they would be considered subcontractors.

Commissioner Thayer asked if this is proposed for approval by the first of the year that current contractors are given time to prepare and take the test for licensing.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Thayer asked that this be brought for Public Hearing at the next meeting.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of October 26, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Approval of October 26, 2022 Minutes

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Minutes as presented and dispense with the reading. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

2. Fleet Management Policy

County Attorney Bart Greer explained that this policy was discussed at the last meeting and that it covers the management of all fleet vehicles in the county.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Fleet Management Policy

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Fleet Management Policy. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None



3. Policy for Disposal of Surplus Real Property

Economic Development Coordinator Eric Larson explained that this policy will help streamline the process of real property disposal. Mr. Larson stated that no changes have been made to the policy since it was presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Pettitt asked how many actual properties this would pertain to?

Mr. Larson stated that there are 3 properties, the rest are unusable or unbuildable.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Policy for Surplus Real Property

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Policy for Surplus Real Property. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

4. Amended and Restated Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services

County Attorney Bart Greer presented the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services. Mr. Greer stated that this agreement has been reviewed and discussed at length and he recommends approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

5. CDHS County Computer Refresh Process

Commissioner Pettitt explained that this policy is from the state to map out the computer refresh process for Health and Human Services.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the CDHS County Computer Refresh Process

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the CDHS County Computer Refresh Process. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None



I. BOARD PLANNING

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Update to Open Records Policy

Pending Hearings

- a. Public Hearing regarding 2023 Budget Approval

Commissioner Thayer called a recess at 9:48 AM to return at 1:00 PM for the Land Use Hearing.

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M.

The Land Use Hearing was called to order at 1:00 PM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and Commissioners Thayer and Pettitt were present. Commissioner Richardson was absent.

- 1. **Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review (case: SU-22-0033)
A Special Use by Review for a horse boarding and training facility for up to forty-five (45) horses,
located at 36124 County Rd 1, Elizabeth.**

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:01 PM.

Land Use Planner Matthew Karney presented the request for Special Use by Review for a horse boarding and training facility for up to 45 horses located at 36124 County Road 1, Elizabeth. Mr. Karney explained the uses that are being requested and that the use will be located in the 3 to 4 acres within the property. There were no objections during the referral process and concerns brought up at the Planning Commission meeting were discussed and answered. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Pettitt questioned why the SUR was only for the 4 acres and did not apply to the rest of the property.

Owner and Applicant Mimi Kuchman, 36124 County Road 1. Ms. Kuchman stated that she went through the same SUR process with her Boarding facility in Parker and that process was done the same way. Ms. Kuchman stated that her personal horses would be turned out on the additional acres, but boarded horses would remain in the SUR area. Ms. Kuchman stated that there is a possibility the boarded horses could end up in those areas as well.

Owner Jaye Kuchman, 36124 County Road 1, Elizabeth. Mr. Kuchman stated that they plan on making this area their permanent home and to run a good facility in the county.



Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033 with the conditions listed. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to close a Public Hearing for Hope Reigns Arabians aka Indigo Hills Equestrian Special Use by Review SU-22-0033. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

Public Hearing Closed at 1:25 PM.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 1:25 PM.





ELBERT COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE WEB SITE:

www.elbertcounty-co.gov/veterans_services/



LINKS

Colorado State Division of
Veterans Affairs

Employment Benefits for
Veterans in Colorado

Colorado's State Veterans
Nursing Homes

Federal Veterans
Administration

**THE ELBERT COUNTY VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE
PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO ANY VETERAN,
OR THEIR FAMILY, TO MAKE SURE THEY GET
ALL THE VETERAN'S BENEFITS THEY EARNED.**

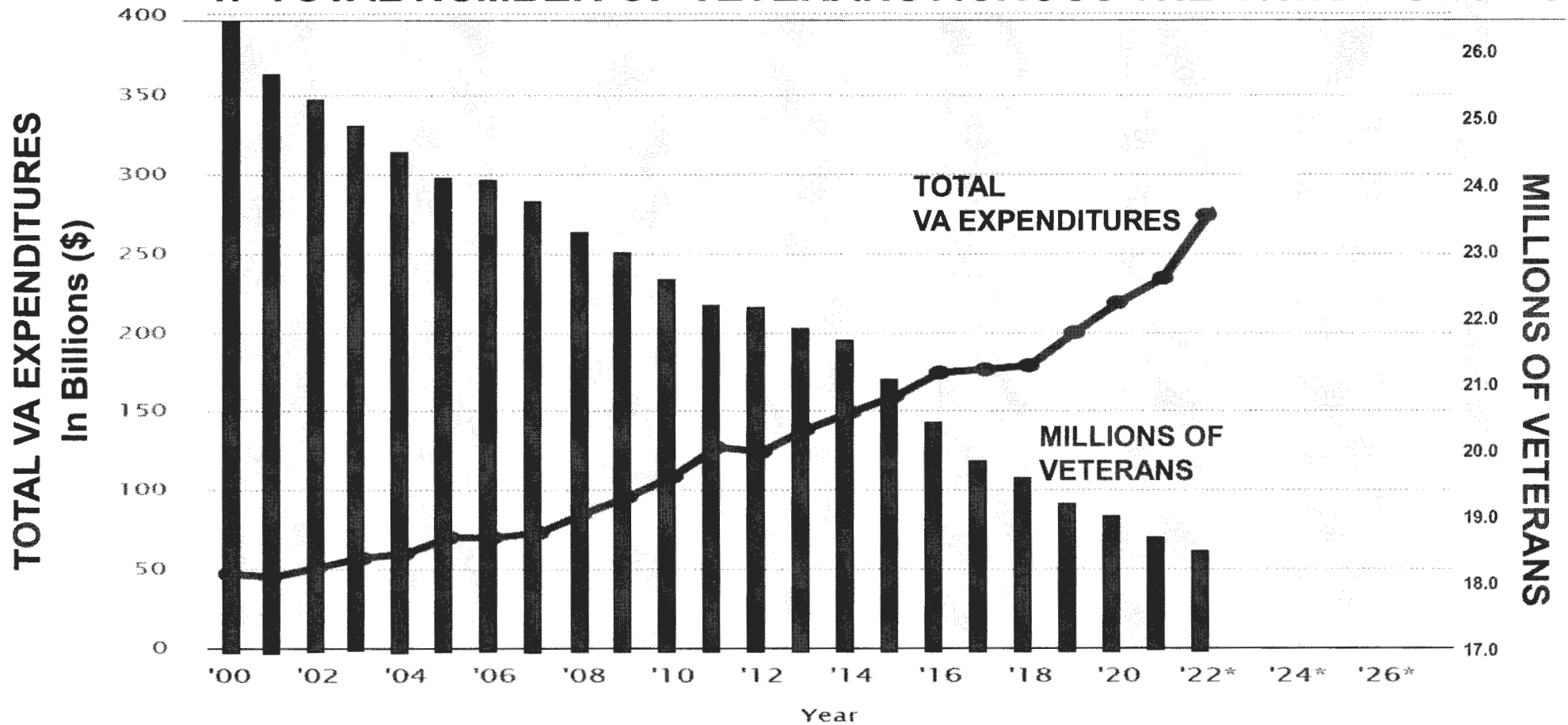
CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing address: PO Box 131
Elbert, CO 80106
Phone number: 303-520-6088
Veteran's Service Officer: Ric Morgan
Email: morgan@hayday.org

**ASSISTANCE IN THE
FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- ☐ DISABILITY CLAIMS
- ☐ PENSION CLAIMS
- ☐ APPEALS
- ☐ HEALTH CARE BENEFITS
- ☐ SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS
- ☐ STATE VETERAN'S HOMES
- ☐ EDUCATION & TRAINING
- ☐ LIFE INSURANCE
- ☐ HOME LOAN GUARANTEES
- ☐ BURIAL BENEFITS

TOTAL VA EXPENDITURES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES (2000 – 2027) **v. TOTAL NUMBER OF VETERANS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**

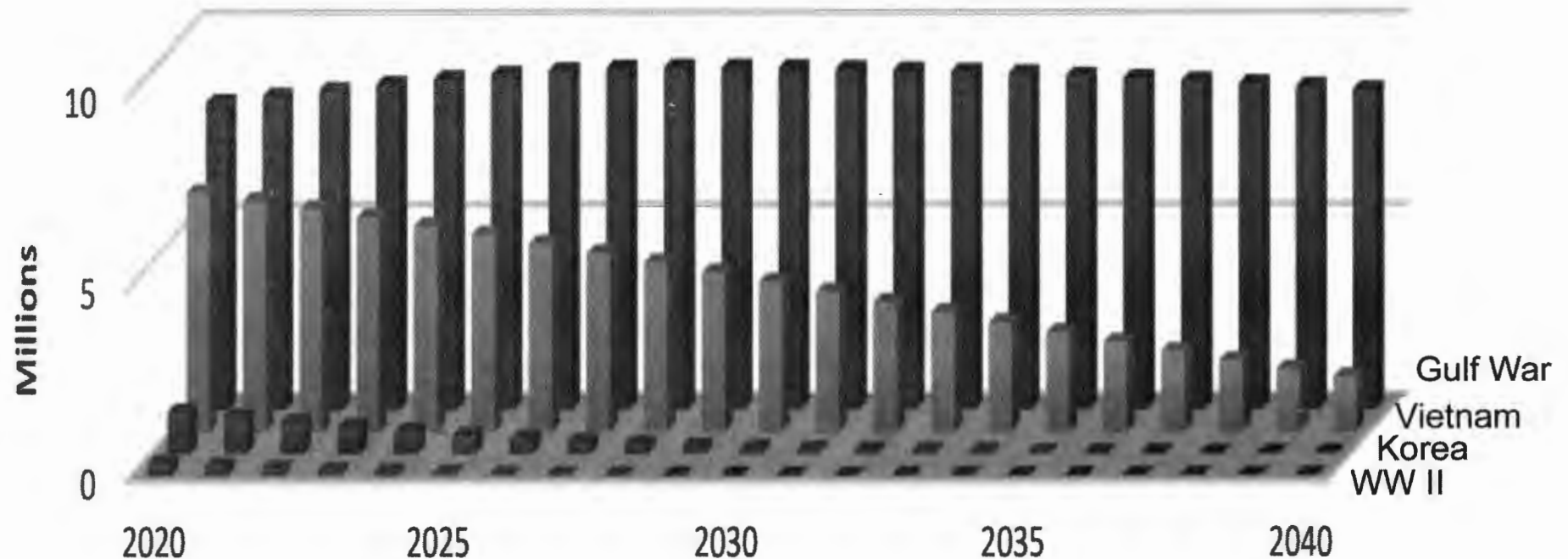


Expenditures: Compensation & Pension; Education & Training; Insurance & Indemnities;
 Construction; General Operating Expenses; Loan Guaranty; and Medical Expenditures.



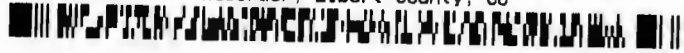
WARTIME VETERANS BY CONFLICT

■ WW II ■ Korean Conflict ■ Vietnam Era ■ Gulf War Era

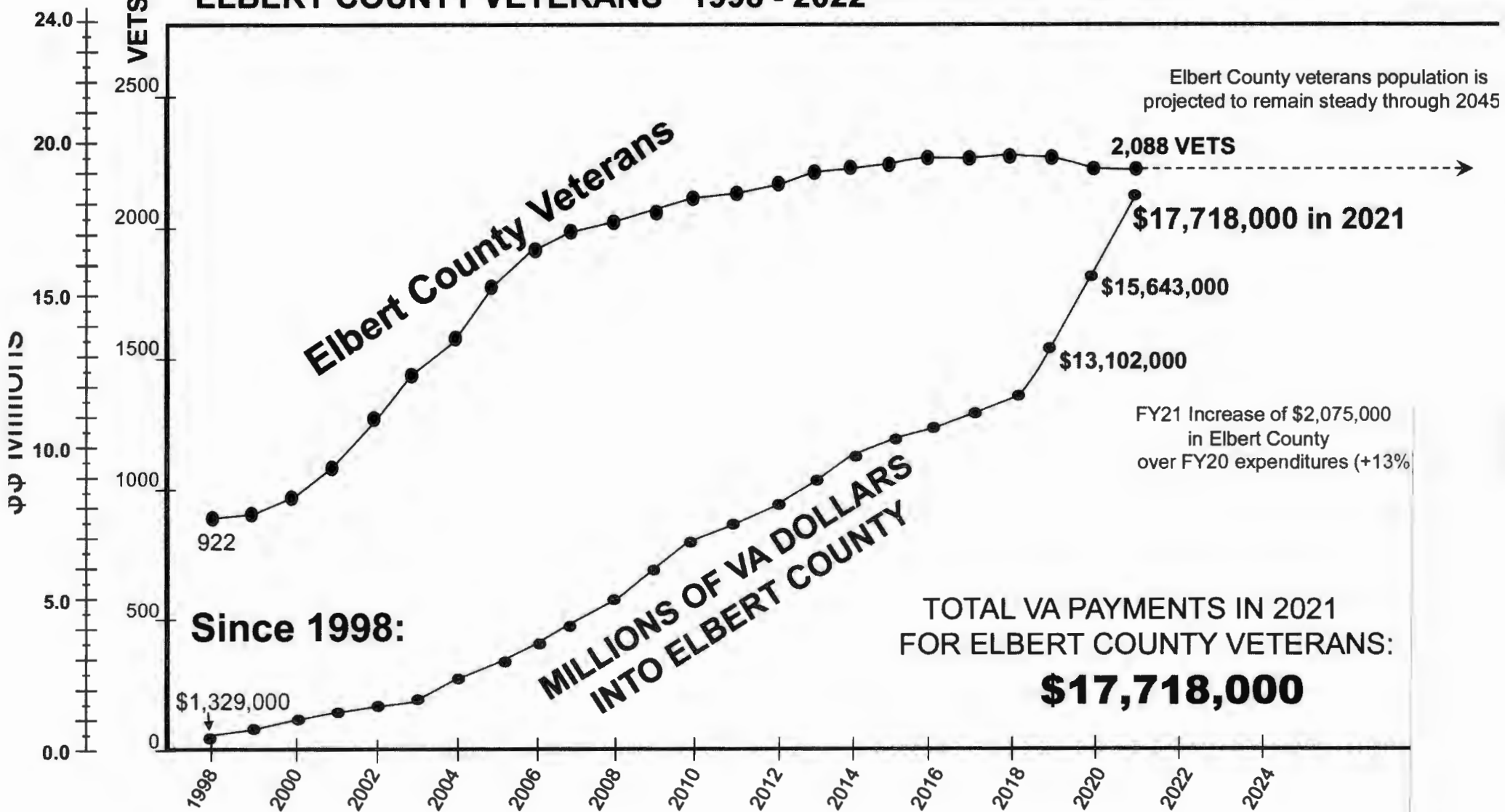


2020: Gulf war Era 8,051,000
Vietnam Era 6,258,000
Korea Conflict 1,096,000
WWII 326,000

2022: 167,284 (as of 30 Sep 22)



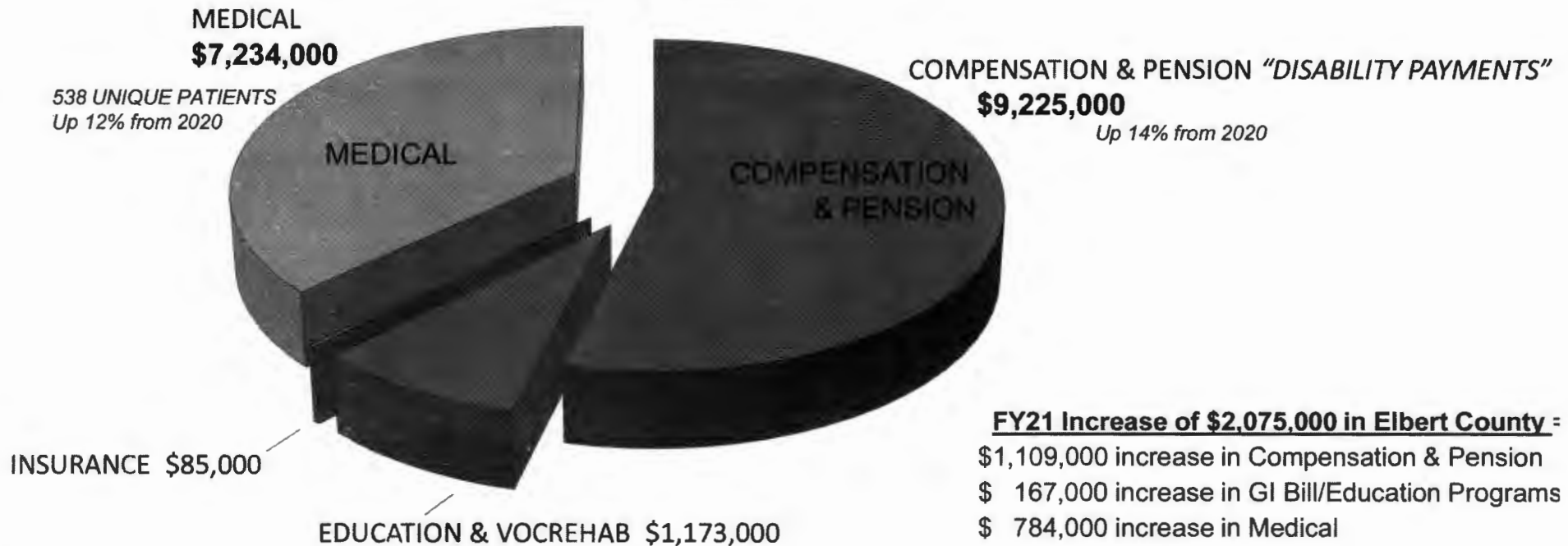
ELBERT COUNTY VETERANS 1998 - 2022





VETERAN'S BENEFITS PAID IN ELBERT COUNTY IN 2021

HOW MUCH VA MONEY CAME IN?
THE COUNTY LAST YEAR?



**ELBERT COUNTY HAS
2,088 VETERANS**

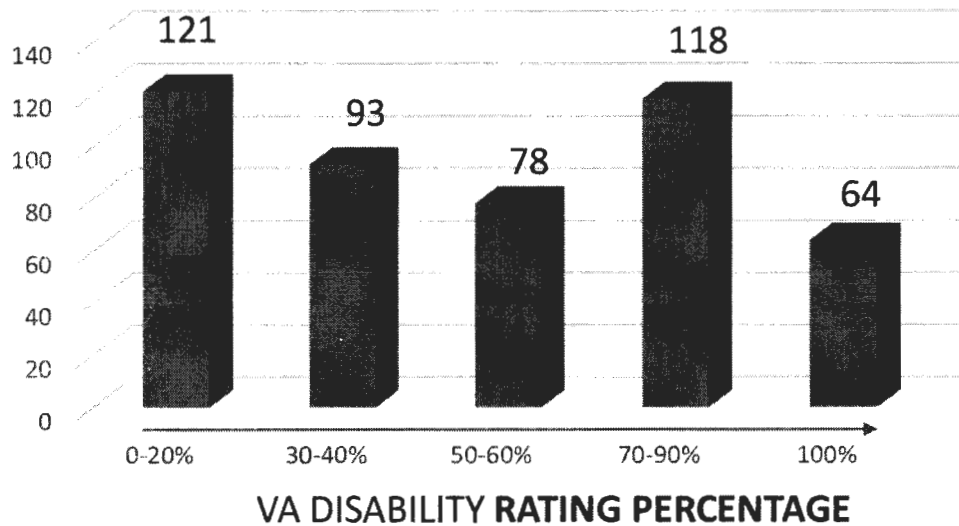
Down 0.03% from 2020

**TOTAL VA PAYMENTS LAST YEAR
TO ELBERT COUNTY VETERANS: \$17,718,000**

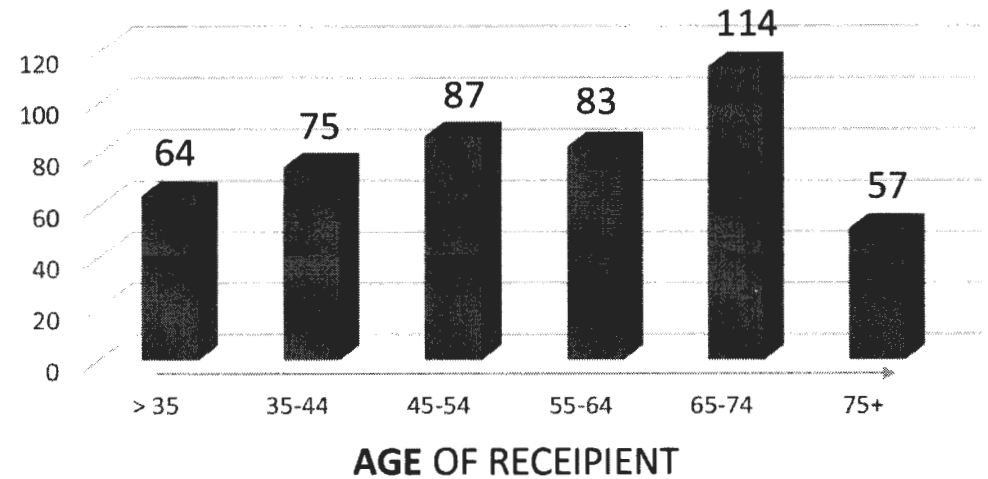
Up 13% overall from 2021
Increase of \$2,075,000 over 2020

THIS IS HOW THAT \$9.2 MILLION IS
DISTRIBUTED TO ELBERT COUNTY
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

ELBERT COUNTY VETERANS RECEIVING VA DISABILITY PAYMENTS



ELBERT COUNTY VETERANS & VETERAN'S FAMILIES RECEIVING VA DISABILITY OR VA PENSION

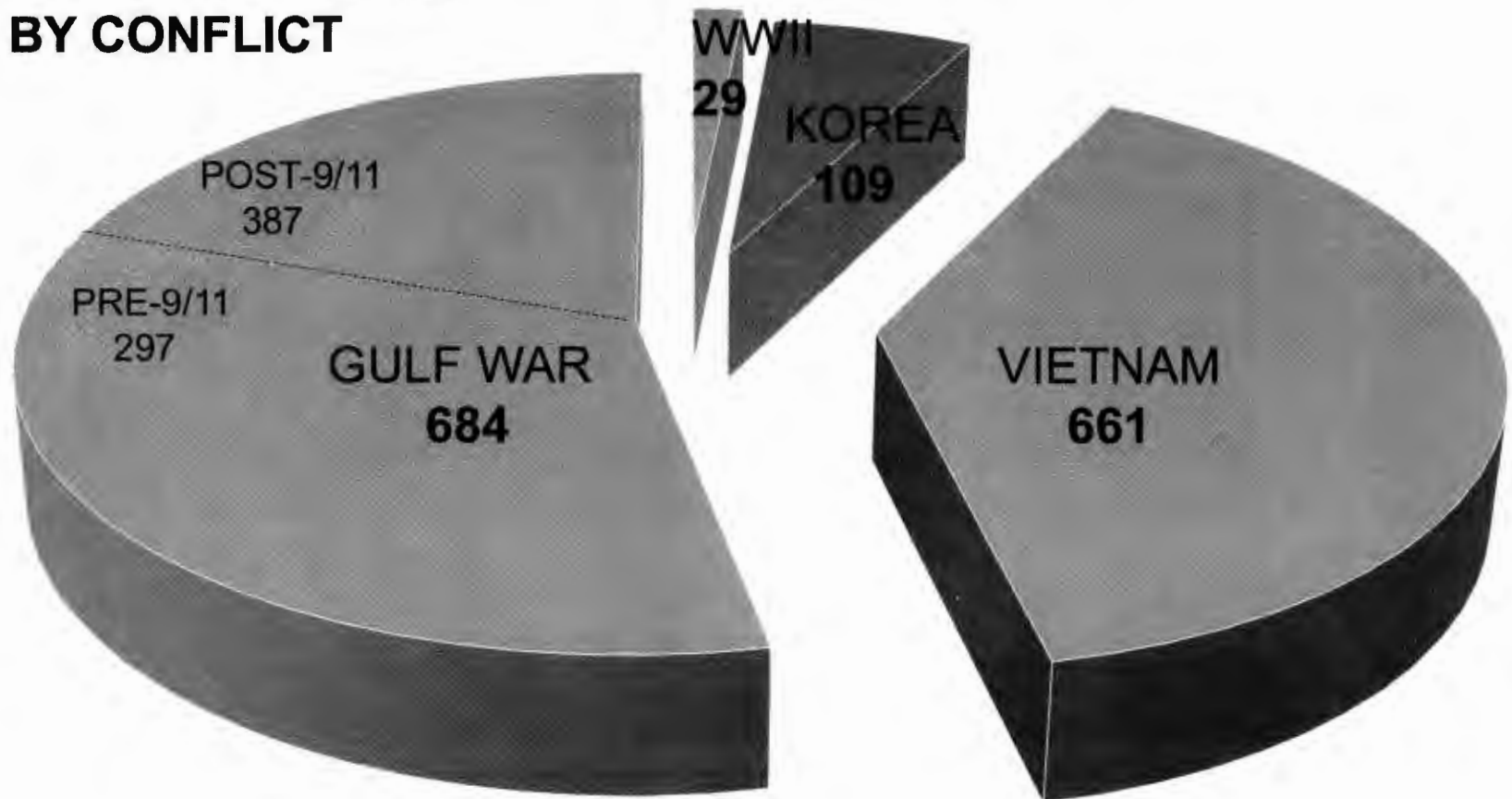


TOTAL RECIPIENTS OF VA DISABILITY OR PENSION: 474



TWO THIRDS OF OUR
VETERANS ARE WARTIME VETS

ELBERT COUNTY'S 1,487 WARTIME VETERANS BY CONFLICT



12% of Elbert County's veterans are women

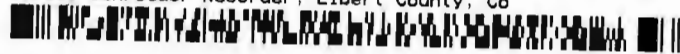
ELBERT COUNTY CVSO

2022 SUMMARY OF CALLS, VISITS & VETERANS ASSISTED

2022	CALLS	VISITS	OUTREACH	VETS ASSISTED
JAN	52	3	2	16
FEB	67	2	2	25
MAR	66	5	2	20
APR	46	4	3	14
MAY	63	3	3	23
JUN	52	6	3	24
JUL	60	6	2	18
AUG	56	2	2	23
SEP	52	4	2	27
OCT	55	2	3	23
NOV	57	3	2	13
DEC	51	3	3	17
ANNUAL TOTALS	677	43	29	243

2021

- 493 OPEN/ACTIVE FILES
 - 2022 NEW DISABILITY CLAIMS: 49
 - 2022 NEW APPEALS: 10
 - ON-GOING APPEALS: 13



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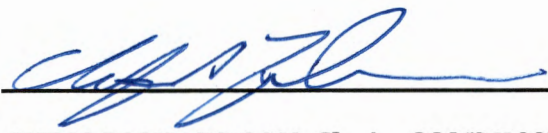
FOR 2022:

**2088 ELBERT COUNTY VETERANS
\$17,718,000 IN VETERAN'S BENEFITS**

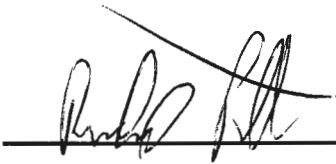
- FROM 1998-2018, ALL ELBERT COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED ON ALL-VOLUNTEER BASIS
- SINCE 2018, STATE OF COLORADO PROVIDES A MONTHLY STIPEND OF \$1,295 TO COVER CVSO EXPENSES THROUGH THE COLORADO DIVISION OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

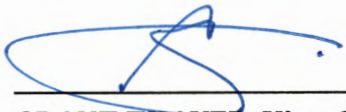
ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO



CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1



RICK PETTITT, COMMISSIONER District 2



GRANT THAYER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Amanda Moore

Deputy Clerk

BY: 

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Amanda Moore

