

# Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: February 13, 2019

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chair, Sam Gray, at 2:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

## Roll-Call of Committee Members

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| ▪ Sam Gray, Chair                 | Present |
| ▪ George “Rob” Beam, Vice-Chair   | Excused |
| ▪ Trena Philo, Secretary          | Excused |
| ▪ Charles Baker, Committee Member | Present |
| ▪ Ronald Cady, Committee Member   | Present |

## Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Staff

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| ▪ Aaron Edlefson, Director             | Present |
| ▪ Kristina Higgins, Service Officer    | Present |
| ▪ M. Luann Cape, Service Officer       | Present |
| ▪ Heidi Case, Administrative Assistant | Present |

## Calhoun County Administration

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| ▪ Brad Wilcox, Assistant Administrator | Present |
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## Additional County Staff

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| ▪ Jen Bomba, Community Development Director | Present |
| ▪ Lucy Blair, Communications Manager        | Present |

## Changes to Agenda

- 8 VRF applications for consideration

## Administrative Update

- Director Edlefson presented a review of the County Veteran Service Fund Grant. He discussed the changes that have been made and reviewed some proposed areas for funding.
- Ms. Blair presented information on the Second Wave program that the County is exploring participating in.

## **Veterans Relief Fund Applications**

### **Application 19-6**

Car payment: \$673.21

Decision: Application tabled until further review

### **Application 19-8**

Rent: \$908.00

Decision: Partial approval for \$367.00

### **Application 19-9**

Consumers: \$2,635.04

Decision: Denied

### **Application 19-10**

Rent: \$185.00

Decision: Approved

### **Application 19-11**

Rent \$7,285.00

Consumers: \$235.80

Decision: Denied

### **Application 19-13**

Rent: \$1,145.00

Decision: Approved

### **Application 19-14**

Rent: \$1,300.00

Phone: \$68.76

Decision: Denied

### **Application 19-15**

Rent: \$190.00

Decision: Denied

### **Application 19-16**

Rent: \$329.00

Decision: Approved

## **Minutes from January 9, 2019:**

- Mr. Baker motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Cady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion approved.

**Good of the Committee:**

- Director Edlefson discussed the upcoming event:
  - Joint Base Partnership Council Meeting will be held Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Federal Center Palm Garden Room from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- Service Officer Higgins mentioned long time Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Committee Member, Mr. Thomas Lightbody passed away. The Memorial is being held on February 25, 2019 at the Family Alter Chapel on 6 ½ Mile Road.
- Chair Gray discussed the upcoming events:
  - Heritage Quiz Bowl presented by the Battle Creek NAACP is being held on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Battle Creek Central High School's McQuiston Learning Center (100 W. Van Buren). Registration starts at 8 A.M. Food will be provided and the competition starts at 10:00 A.M. Many area schools are participating in the event. It is a Jeopardy style trivia on African American history for elementary, middle school and high school students.
  - American Legion Post Commander Brian Mohlman's father passed away. Dr. Harold Mohlman was a US Air Force veteran. The funeral service is being held at the Bachman Hebble Funeral Chapel on February 13, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Cady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:28 P.M.

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Sam Gray, Chair  
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs