

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: April 10, 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 Absence |
| ▪ Trena Philo, Secretary | Present |
| ▪ 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, Assistance County Administrator | Present |
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Additional County Staff

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| ▪ Jen Bomba, Community Development Director | Present |
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Changes to the Agenda

- Director Edlefson added correspondence.

Correspondence

- Two notes of thanks were received.

Old Business

- Director Edlefson discussed an update to the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veterans Service Fund Grant.

New Business

- Scott Cubberly from Aequitas Mobility Services gave an overview of their services and company history.

Administrative Update

- Director Edlefson presented the year-to-date budget.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications

Application 19-18

Ramp: \$2,160.00

Decision: Approved

Application 19-25

Consumers: \$368.28

Decision: Denied

Application 19-27

Rent: \$857.00

Decision: Approved

Application 19-28

Food Card: \$150.00

Decision: Approved

Application 19-29

Semco: \$265.46

Consumers: \$96.63

Decision: Denied

Application 19-30

Rent: \$934.91

Decision: Denied

VSH Application 19-6

Well: \$5,314.00

Decision: Partial approval for \$3,314.00; Michigan Veterans Trust Fund covering remainder

Minutes from March 13, 2019:

- Secretary Philo 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 filming that will be taking place on April 29th for CCVA's new ad campaign.
- Chair Gray mentioned the Juneteenth Family Day that will be held at Claude Evans Park on Saturday, June 15, starting at 12:00 P.M.

- Chair Gray announced an event being held at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center on April 18. America's Role in the World: Why Leading Globally Matters for Michigan will be presented by the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition.
- Mr. Baker mentioned Talons Out will be having a fundraiser at JB Whiskey on Saturday, June 15.
- The committee and staff discussed participating in an upcoming ramp build being done by Habitat for Humanity that Calhoun County Veterans Affairs is funding.
- Community Development Director Bomba mentioned the tours of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and Silver Start Apartments that she had with Director Edlefson and Lucy Blair.
- Assistant Administrator Wilcox discussed the new locations for Care Here and the new Public Defender's office.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Secretary Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:52 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs