

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: January 13, 2016

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chairman, Jack Hunn at 2:26 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of Silence.

Roll-call of committee members:

•	Chairman	Rodger Seidel	Present, by phone
•	Vice-Chair	Jack Hunn	Present
•	Secretary	Samuel Gray	Present
•	Member	George “Rob” Beam	Present
•	Member	Trena Philo	Present

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office Staff:

•	Director	Aaron Edlefson	Present
•	Service Officer	Kristina S. Higgins	Present
•	Service Officer	M. Luann Cape	Present

Calhoun County Administration:

•	County Assistant Administrator, Brad Wilcox	Present
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Three members of the community were in attendance.

Agenda Changes: It was decided by consensus, to move the emergent need items to earlier in the meeting.

Citizens Time: None.

Correspondence: It was pointed out that Veteran Dan Standish, local artist, donated a colored pencil drawing. It was much admired. Director Edlefson stated that it is our desire to have a wall dedicated to Veteran’s artwork.

Veteran’s Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 15-34: Request was approved by the director in December: \$166.80 for one week at a hotel.

Applicant 15-35: \$200 past due rent already approved by the Director.

Applicant 15-37: Request was approved by the Director, but landlord would not provide the needed W-9 for the County, so no funds were issued.

Applicant 15-38: Request was approved for one week at the Econo Lodge for \$220.

Applicant 15-32: Request was for rent and Vehicle Repairs, veteran starts employment 2-1-16 with the Federal center. 2 month's rent was approved. \$1740.

Applicant 15-33: Request for rent \$488.00, denied.

Applicant 16-01: Utility bill for \$572.47, approved.

Applicant 15-36: Request for rent, approved for \$650.

Applicant 16-02: Request was made for \$194 utilities, denied.

Applicant 16-03: \$399 requested for rent, approved.

Director Edlefson is considering revamping the application for emergent needs.

Election of CCVA Officers: Mr. Beam moved to re-elect everyone to the offices they currently hold. Ms. Philo seconded the motion all were in favor, re-election approved.

Minutes from December 9, 2015: Mr. Beam motioned to accept the minutes as given, Mr. Gray seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Old Business: Interviews for the Administrative Assistant were conducted on Monday, January 11, 2016. The field was narrowed down to three a decision will be made by Friday, January 15, 2016.

The Fund Balance Usage was discussed no decisions were reached as yet. Director Edlefson mentioned funding veteran's ID cards so veterans wouldn't have to pay the \$10.

New Business: Vice-chair Hunn presented the possibility that policy be changed to include no war-time service for eligibility for emergent need. The frequency of assistance was also discussed. Copies of the relief policy are requested before further discussion will commence.

Good of the Committee: Various Martin Luther King commemoration activities were

announced by Secretary Gray: Battle Creek Church Service on January 17th. Thursday, the 21st at the Center for Diversity—the movie “Selma to Montgomery” will be shown.

Adjournment: Mr. Beam made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:19 pm.

Jack Hunn, Vice-Chairman
Calhoun County Veterans’ Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans’ Affairs