

# *Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting*

**Minutes: July 13, 2016**

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman, Roger Seidel at 2:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

**Roll-call of committee members:**

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| • Chairman   | Rodger Seidel     | Present |
| • Vice-Chair | Jack Hunn         | Present |
| • Secretary  | Samuel Gray       | Present |
| • Member     | George "Rob" Beam | Present |
| • Member     | Trena Philo       | Present |

**Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office Staff:**

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

**Calhoun County Administration:**

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| • County Finance Director, Michele Johnson | Present |
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**Agenda Changes:** None.

**Citizens Time:** None

**Correspondence:** The Veterans Affairs office received a letter from the Leila Arboretum Society thanking us for the pens that were donated for the Leila Arboretum Antique Car Show.

**Veteran's Relief Fund Applications:**

Applicant 16-57: Request was for help with roof repairs in the amount of \$2775.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-58: Request was for assistance with car repairs in the amount of \$1265.68. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-59: Requests were for help with water bill in the amount of \$44.00 and Semco Energy for \$96.59. Both requests were denied.

Applicant 16-60: Request was for assistance with old Consumers bill in the amount of \$1060.11. Request was approved. .

Applicant 16-61: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$278.08. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-62: Requests were for help with rent in the amount of \$586.00 and car payments in the amount of \$312.00. All requests were approved.

Applicant 16-65: Request was for assistance with pest control treatment in the amount of \$700.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-66: Request was for help with car payment in the amount of \$290.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-67: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$342.90. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-69: Request was for help with Consumers in the amount of \$1697.56. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-70: Request was for assistance with rent in amount of \$293.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-71: Request was for help with an air conditioner in the amount of \$418.78. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-72: Request was for assistance with old rent in the amount of \$2957.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-73: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$440.25. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-74: Request was for assistance for roof repairs in the amount of \$8875.69. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-75: Requests were for help with medical bills in the amount of \$4125.17 and rent in the amount of \$482.00. Both requests were denied.

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefson discussed the continued increase in Veterans visiting the office.
- Director Edlefson presented the Veteran Relief funds comparisons on war time and peace time.

**Minutes from June 8, 2016:** Mr. Hunn motioned to accept the minutes as given, Ms. Philo seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Old Business:** Finance Director Johnson discussed the status of the Administrations work with legislature regarding Veterans legislation. It should be available at next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

- Director Edlefson presented the proposed changes for the Veterans Relief Fund. The proposed changes included:
  - Quarterly Budgeting
  - Subcommittee Decisions
  - Restriction of Certain Grants
  - Service Requirements
- Director Edlefson discussed the Budget Subcommittee agenda.
- Director Edlefson presented information on the changes in the State Definition of Veterans.
- Director Edlefson discussed the Budget update through May 31, 2016.
- The date of August 25<sup>th</sup> was set for the 2016 Strategic plan meeting.

**Good of the Committee:** None.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Philo made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:26 pm.

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Rodger Seidel, Chairman  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs