

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: August 10, 2016

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman, Roger Seidel at 2:31 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 | Excused Absence |

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office Staff:

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| • Director | Aaron Edlefsen | 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 Administrator/Controller, Kelli Scott | Present |
| • County Finance Director, Michele Johnson | Present |

Agenda Changes: None.

Citizens Time: None.

Correspondence: None.

Veteran's Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 16-76: Request was for help with Semco Energy in the amount of \$242.52 and Consumers Energy in the amount of \$205.86. Both requests were approved.

Applicant 16-77: Request was for assistance with car repairs in the amount of \$465.79. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-78: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$100.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-79: Requests were for assistance with rent in the amount of \$1350.00, Semco Energy for \$73.35, Consumers Energy in the amount of \$82.70, and phone bill for \$245.68. All requests were denied.

Applicant 16-80: Requests were for help with the mortgage in the amount of \$347.20, car payments with late fees for \$737.36, car and property insurance in the amount of \$416.15, Semco Energy for \$34.06, cell phone in the amount of \$174.97, and U-Verse for \$143.54. All requests were denied.

Applicant 16-81: Request was for assistance with dentures in the amount of \$1100.00. Request was denied. The committee referred to MVTF.

Applicant 16-82: Requests were for help with two car payments in the amount of \$931.32, two plate renewals and driver's license renewal for \$254.00, Semco Energy in the amount of \$81.69, Consumers Energy for \$163.00, water bill in the amount of \$134.94, cell phone for \$164.16, home internet/voice in the amount of \$77.78, and a dental bill for \$639.08. All requests were denied.

Applicant 16-83: Requests were for Consumers Energy for the home in the amount of \$1960.44 and Consumers Energy for the business in the amount of \$1827.70. The request for the business was denied and the request for the home was approved.

Applicant 16-84: Requests were for assistance with Airway Oxygen in the amount of \$145.68, prescriptions for \$192.57, and the water bill in the amount of \$133.40. All requests were approved.

Applicant 16-85: Requests were for help with car payments in the amount of \$1051.24, car insurance for \$343.26, and car registration in the amount of \$202.00. All requests were denied.

Applicant 16-86: Request was for assistance with partial rent in amount of \$18.92. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-87: Request was for help with a gas card in the amount of \$75.00. Request was denied.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefsen discussed the increase from 2015 to 2016 of Veterans visiting the office.
- Director Edlefsen presented the trainings that the Service Officers will be attending; they included the following:
 - American Legion training at Higgins Lake, September 9th - 11th.
 - NACVSO Training in Peoria, IL that Service officer Higgins will be attending October.
 - MACVC Training in Frankenmuth in September 21st – 23rd.

- Director Edlefson presented information about the Silver Star Food Donations drive that is being held from July 18 – September 16. KCC will be organizing collections.

Minutes from July 13, 2016: Mr. Hunn motioned to accept the minutes as given, Mr. Gray seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Old Business: Director Edlefson discussed the status of the Administrations work with legislature regarding Veterans legislation; they are hoping to have available at the Strategic Meeting on August 25th.

New Business: None.

Good of the Committee:

- Mr. Gray mentioned the International Summer fest will be held at McCamly Park on Saturday, August 13th.
- Mr. Gray mentioned the Neighborhood Block Party on August 27th, from 12-4.
- Mr. Beam mentioned the Talons Out Honor Flight fund raiser at the Cornwell Turkey Farm on August 10th.
- Director Edlefson discussed events the office will be attending at the Calhoun County Fair. Monday, August 15th is Veteran's day and Wednesday, August 17th is Senior's day.

Adjournment: Mr. Hunn made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Beam seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:32 pm.

Rodger Seidel, Chairman
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs Committe

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs