

# *Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting*

## **Minutes: September 14, 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 Administrator/Controller, Kelli Scott | Present |
| • County Assistant Administrator, Brad Wilcox  | Present |
| • County Finance Director, Michele Johnson     | Present |

**Agenda Changes:** Order of New Business was changed. Due to time constraints the Strategic Plan Review and VetraSpec Demo were tabled until October meeting.

**Citizens Time:** None.

**Correspondence:** Thank you letters were received from a Veteran for the services provided by the office staff.

**Veteran's Relief Fund Applications:**

Applicant 16-88: Requests were for help with land contract in the amount of \$1860.00 and Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1063.96. Both requests were denied.

Applicant 16-89: Request was for assistance with Consumers Energy in the amount of \$921.84. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-90: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$328.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-91: Request was for assistance with Consumers Energy in the amount of \$837.64. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-92: Request was for help with the Smart Start in the amount of \$160.40. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-94: Request was for assistance with Kennel fees in the amount of \$464.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-95: Requests were for help with five car payments plus late fees in the amount of \$1051.24, car insurance in the amount of \$343.26, and car registration in the amount of \$202.00. Request for car registration was denied. All other requests were approved with a partial for three car payments (\$540.12).

Applicant 16-96: Request was for Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1110.68. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-97: Request was for assistance with twenty bus passes. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-99: Request was for help with car registration and plate in the amount of \$150.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-100: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$640.00. Request was approved for partial (\$320.00). Approval is pending State decision.

Applicant 16-101: Requests were for help with Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1554.39 and cash store loan in the amount of \$352.39. Request for cash store was denied. Request for Consumers was approved for partial (\$1154.39).

Applicant 16-102: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$132.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-103: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$40.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-104: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$710.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-105: Request was for help with Consumers Energy in the amount of \$304.19. Request was approved.

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefson discussed the office now having two additional Service Officers available for Veterans; one on Monday from VVA and one on Friday from MOPH.
- Director Edlefson presented the number of increased Veterans visiting the office.

**Minutes from August:** August 10, 2016 Special Meeting, August 10, 2016 Regular Meeting, and August 25, 2016 Strategic Plan Meeting: Ms. Philo motioned to accept all minutes as given, Mr. Gray seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Director Edlefson presented the Budget Performance Report for Fiscal Year to date. Discussion ensued.

**Good of the Committee:**

- Mr. Gray mentioned the fund raiser being held at Buffalo Wild Wings on September 14<sup>th</sup> benefiting the American Legion Post 257.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Beam made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:38 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