

# *Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting*

**Minutes: November 14, 2016**

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chairman, Sam Gray at 2:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

## **Roll-call of committee members:**

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| • Chairman      | Rodger Seidel     | Present, by phone |
| • Vice-Chairman | 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 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:** Director Edlefson mentioned the certificate that he was presented at the KCC Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10 for the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship at Kellogg Community College.

## **Additional Topics:**

- Director Edlefson played a video of the Veterans Day Prayer by Ronald Reagan.
- Director Edlefson played a video in honor of the Marines 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**Veteran's Relief Fund Applications:**

Applicant 16-128: Request was for help with Consumers in the amount of \$259.91. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-129: Requests were for assistance with back taxes in the amount of \$3730.11 and a new furnace in the amount of \$2733.00. Both requests were denied.

Applicant 16-130: Requests were for help with rent in the amount of \$500.00, car repairs in the amount of \$840.00, and car insurance in the amount of \$122.65. All requests were approved.

Applicant 16-131: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$1100.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-132: Requests were for help with gas in the amount of \$25.00 and rent in the amount of \$400.00. Both requests were denied.

Applicant 16-133: Request was for assistance with job physical and drug test in the amount of \$269.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-134: Requests were for help with Consumers in the amount of \$306.52 and rent in the amount of \$560.00. Request for rent was denied. Request for Consumers was approved.

Applicant 16-135: Request was for assistance with Consumers in the amount of \$457.01. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-136: Request was for assistance with hotel in the amount of \$1154.44. Request was partially approved (\$678.49).

Applicant 16-137: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$783.97. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-138: Request was for assistance with a rent judgment in the amount of \$1985.00. Request was denied.

Applicant 16-139: Requests were for help with rent in the amount of \$1166.00 and Consumers in the amount of \$668.70. Both requests were approved.

Applicant 16-140: Request was for assistance with mortgage payment in the amount of \$585.20. Request was approved.

Applicant 16-141: Request was for help with hotel in the amount of \$2331.00. Request was partially approved (\$776.00).

Applicant 16-142: Request was for assistance with eye surgery in the amount of \$975.00. Request was denied.

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefson congratulated Service Officer Higgins for passing her NACVSO Accreditation test in October.
- Director Edlefson presented the comparison from 2015 to 2016 for Veterans visiting the CCVA office. Although a slight decline for October, the monthly average is still up approximately 34%.
- Director Edlefson mentioned the pictures displayed in the CCVA waiting room; representing what our country has to be thankful for: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear.

**Minutes from October 12, 2016:** Mr. Beam motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- Director Edlefson spoke to the changes regarding Committee composition.
- Director Edlefson mentioned that soon there will be postings for the two open positions.

**Good of the Committee:** None.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Beam made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:50 pm.

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Sam Gray, Vice-Chairman  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs