

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: June 14, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

Roll-call of committee members:

• Chairman	Sam Gray	Present
• Vice-Chairman	George “Rob” Beam	Present
• Secretary	Trena Philo	Present
• Committee Member	Charles Baker	Present
• Committee Member	Ronald Cady	Present

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office Staff:

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

Calhoun County Administration:

• Assistant Administrator	Brad Wilcox	Present
• Finance Director	Michele Johnson	Present

Agenda Changes: Director Edlefson added the year-to-date budget to the agenda.

Citizens Time: None.

Correspondence: None.

Presentation:

- Director Edlefson shared the history of the United States flag.

Veteran's Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 17-69: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$449.00. Request was denied.

Appeal 17-70: Request was for help with medically prescribed medical equipment in the amount of \$64.60. Request was approved.

Applicant 17-71: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$259.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 17-72: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$675.00. Request was partially approved in the amount of \$337.50.

Applicant 17-73: Request was for assistance with rent in the amount of \$556.59. Request was denied.

Applicant 17-74: Request was for help with rent in the amount of \$431.00. Request was approved.

Applicant 17-76: Requests were for help with rent in the amount of \$1316.22, Consumers in the amount of \$124.21. All requests were approved.

Applicant 17-78: Requests were for assistance with land contract in the amount of \$2500.00, Consumers in the amount of \$299.49, Semco in the amount of 204.02, water in the amount of \$117.88, Verizon in the amount of \$755.40, ADT security system in the amount \$60.98, car payment in the amount of \$370.32 and license plate renewal in the amount of \$114.00. Request for Semco in the amount of \$204.02 was approved, all other requests were denied.

Application 17-79: Request was for help with partial rent in the amount of \$330.00. Request was denied.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson provided a packet with information on PTSD.
- Director Edlefson gave a current breakdown of the Calhoun County Veterans Services projected fund balance as given by finance. He also presented the 2017 year to date budget and projections for the remainder of the year.
- Director Edlefson presented the Geographic Distribution Expenditures (GDX) report, including a comparison of the categories for all Michigan counties.

Old Business:

- Director Edlefson discussed Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship opportunities. He provided a breakdown of impact areas. He also provided the statistics of eligible veterans enrolled at the surrounding colleges and universities. Committee member discussion ensued.

New Business: None.

Minutes from May 10, 2017: Mr. Baker motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Cady seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Good of the Committee:

- Director Edlefson shared information regarding ongoing training for the office staff.
- Director Edlefson mentioned that Administrative Assistant Case became accredited in May through Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.
- Mr. Baker mentioned the flag burning ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Marshall tonight at 6:00 pm.
- Director Edlefson mentioned the planned date of July 21, 2017 for Strategic Planning.
- Mr. Gray mentioned the Juneteenth Family Day Celebration commemorating the end of slavery at Claude Evans Park on June 17, 2017 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- Mr. Gray and Mr. Baker noted the success at the Cereal Fest on June 10th.
- Mr. Baker commended Service Officer Cape on her singing at the KCC Memorial Day Ceremony.

Adjournment: Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3.51 pm.

Sam Gray, Chairman
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs