

**Calhoun County Veterans Affairs  
Committee Meeting  
Minutes: August 9, 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	Donald Cady	Present

**Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office Staff:**

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

**Agenda Changes:** None

**Citizens Time:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation:** Director Edlefson presented a slideshow on National Coast Guard Day, August 4<sup>th</sup> and National Airborne Day, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**VRF Monthly Budget:** Director Edlefson gave the year-to-date budget for the Veterans Relief Fund and the projections for the remainder of the year.

**Veteran’s Relief Fund Applications:**

**Applicant 17-90**

Rent: \$3100.00

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-92**

Vehicle Insurance: \$350.00  
Vehicle Car Payment: \$313.00  
Delinquent taxes: \$187.00  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-93**

Dental: \$1050.00  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-94**

Consumers: \$801.85  
Water: \$125.37  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-96**

Vehicle repairs: \$775.78  
Vehicle repairs: \$315.57  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-97**

Rent: \$453.00  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-99**

Consumers: \$781.18  
Decision: Partial approval \$159.00

**Applicant 17-100**

Consumers: \$41.79  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-101**

Rent: \$585.00  
Decision: Approved; contingent on new employment verification

**Applicant 17-103**

Prescription: \$162.89  
Decision: Denied

**Applicant 17-105**

Rent: \$150.00  
Decision: Approved; contingent on new employment verification

**Applicant 17-106**

Rent: \$272.00  
Decision: Approved; contingent on verification from staffing agencies

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefson thanked everyone for participation at the Strategic Planning Meeting on July 21, 2017; he is in the process of completing the report and it will be available at the next committee meeting.
- Director Edlefson mentioned office staff will be participating at Calhoun County Fair – Veterans Day on Monday, August 14, 2017.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Director Edlefson presented the need for members to volunteer for the 2018 Budget Subcommittee; Mr. Cady and Mr. Baker volunteered.
- Director Edlefson mentioned that Mr. Beam’s term would be expiring on October 31, 2017; he voiced the desire to continue serving on the committee. Mr. Cady motioned to accept the appointment as given. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Minutes from July 12, 2017:** Mr. Beam motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Strategic Plan Minutes from July 21, 2017:** Mr. Beam motioned to accept the minutes as given. Ms. Philo seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Good of the Committee:**

- Mr. Baker mentioned the Talons Out Honor Flight fundraiser is tonight, August 9, 2017 at Cornwell’s Turkey Farm beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Mr. Gray mentioned the International Summer Fest Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Bailey Park from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- Mr. Gray mentioned Color the Creek at Festival Market Square. It is an Art festival on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm.
- Mr. Gray mentioned Cruise the Gut, downtown Battle Creek on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Cady made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Beam seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:59 pm.

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Sam Gray, Chairman  
Calhoun County Veterans’ Affairs Committee

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans’ Affairs