

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: December 13, 2017

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chair, Rob Beam at 2:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

Roll-call of committee members:

• Chair	Sam Gray	Present
• Vice-Chair	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 Higgins	Present
• Service Officer	M. Luann Cape	Present
• Administrative Assistant	Heidi Case	Present

Calhoun County Administration:

• Corporate Counsel	Jim Dyer	Present
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Agenda Changes: Director Edlefson advised we will be reviewing VRF applicants in order as they appear in presentation.

Citizens Time: None.

Correspondence: Director Edlefson mentioned a Christmas card was received from VetraSpec.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 17-141

Finger Prints: \$40.00

Decision: Approved by Director

Applicant 17-145

Rent: \$50.00

Decision: Approved by Director

Appeal 17-127

Rent: \$360.24

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-138

Vehicle Repairs: \$5,044.25

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-142

Rent: \$418.66

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-143

Furnace: \$2,950.00

Decision: Partial approval in the amount \$1,500.00; payment contingent on verification that remaining financial obligation can be met in regard to the furnace.

Applicant 17-144

Vehicle Repairs: \$891.41

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-146

Rent: \$1,121.51

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-147

Rent: \$650.21

Decision: Approved

Applicant 17-148

Consumers: \$349.86

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-149

Rent: \$381.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 17-150

Rent: \$759.87

Decision: Approved

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson shared a photo of the CCVA Scholarship recipient, Mr. Jonathan Shotts, along with Chair Gray and himself.
- Director Edlefson reviewed the budget transfer from the Fund Balance.
- Director Edlefson presented information about the Western Michigan University “Charlie Mike” t-shirt fundraiser. The t-shirts were funded by sponsors throughout the community. \$2,000.00 of the sales will be going to Silver Star Apartments and the majority of the remaining proceeds will go towards WMU’s military scholarship.

Old Business:

- Director Edlefson discussed Veterans Helping Veterans’ need for operating costs in 2018. Further research will be developed.

New Business:

- The committee reviewed the CCVAC mission, goals, and primary responsibilities.
 - Director Edlefson presented proposals on changing portions of the language found in the Bylaws of the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee.
 - Mr. Dyer shared a legal prospective on the state statutes supporting the recommended changes to the Bylaws of the CCVA Committee.
 - Committee members reviewed these recommendations and discussion ensued. Further recommendations will be compiled and distributed to discuss at following meeting.

Minutes from November 8, 2017: Mr. Baker motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Beam seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Good of the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Beam seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:23 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chairman
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs