

# Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: February 14, 2018

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chair Sam Gray at 2:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

**Roll-call of committee members:**

• Chair	Sam Gray	Present
• Vice-Chair	George “Rob” Beam	Excused Absence
• 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:**

• Assistant Administrator	Brad Wilcox	Present
• Community Development Director	Jen Bomba	Present

**Agenda Changes:** None.

**Citizens Time:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Veteran’s Relief Fund Applications:**

**Appeal 18-003**

Vehicle Repairs: \$1,439.91

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-005**

Consumers: \$457.57

Semco: \$232.18

Decision: Both denied

**Applicant 18-006**

Rent: \$2,172.73

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-007**

Rent: \$323.24

Key replacement: \$60.00

Decision: Both denied

**Applicant 18-010**

Rent: \$446.00

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-011**

Rent: \$2,130.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-012**

Rent: \$1,435.00

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-014**

Propane: \$266.65

Decision: Approved with contingency; not paid

**Applicant 18-015**

Rent: \$475.00

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-017**

Semco: \$192.66

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-018**

Water Heater: \$1,500.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-019**

Rent: \$1,126.00

Decision: Denied

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefson presented a comparison of the number of female veterans in Calhoun County to the United States as a whole.
- Director Edlefson gave a brief overview of VetraSpec. Service Officer Higgins shared input on her experience with the system.
- Director Edlefson mentioned that he will be presenting a grant request to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for the upcoming Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors conference.
- Director Edlefson shared that Goodwill Industries will be providing free tax services to veterans on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Gray mentioned that Kellogg Community College will be having a soul food luncheon on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$10.00.

**Old Business:** Director Edlefson noted that the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Bylaws should be ready to be presented to the committee at the March meeting.

**New Business:** None.

**Minutes from January 10, 2018:** Mr. Baker motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Cady seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

**Good of the Committee:**

- Community Development Director Bomba presented activities that have been taking place within Community Development.
- Mr. Baker mentioned that Director Edlefson will be the guest speaker for American Legion Post 79's Memorial Day program.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Cady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:02 P.M.

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Sam Gray, Chairman  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans' Affairs