

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: April 11, 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	Present
• Secretary	Trena Philo	Present
• Committee Member	Charles Baker	Present
• Committee Member	Ronald Cady	Present

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs:

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

Other Calhoun County Staff:

• Community Development Director	Jen Bomba	Present
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Agenda Changes:

- Director Edlefson stated that we will be discussing an update to the Veterans Relief Fund best practices during New Business.

Citizens Time:

- None.

Correspondence:

- None.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Director Edlefsen led a discussion regarding the addition of a new guideline for the Veterans Relief Fund best practices. This addition would require completion of the veteran's initial training cycle unless they have a medical discharge.
 - Mr. Baker motioned to accept the proposal as given. Secretary Philo seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- Director Edlefsen presented information on the population of veterans enrolled at colleges which are being considered for the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship. Committee members commented on the details, discussion ensued.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefsen gave an update on the year-to-date budget.
- Director Edlefsen discussed CCVA's participation in the Senior Fair on April 5th.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-031

Rent: \$560.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-032

Rent: \$510.00

Consumers: \$183.78

Decision: Both denied

Applicant 18-033

Rent: \$480.00

Consumers: \$136.46

Decision: Both approved

Applicant 18-036

Rent: \$1,260.25

Decision: Partial approval for \$530.00 with contingencies

Applicant 18-037

Vehicle Repairs: \$2,710.01

Decision: Partial approval for \$1,355.01 with contingencies

Applicant 18-038

Rent: \$296.96

Decision: Approved

Minutes from March 14, 2018:

- Secretary Philo motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Cady seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Good of the Committee:

- Director Edlefson mentioned some upcoming events:
 - Battle Creek Coalition for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation has a meeting on April 21st at the Burma Center in Springfield from 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
 - Habitat for Humanity is having their Walker Step Build on April 21st at 9:00 A.M.
 - The next meeting of the Veteran Resource Team will be on April 25th from 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. Michael Delarosa from Habitat will be the guest speaker.
- Community Development Director Bomba discussed continued happenings within Community Development. She also mentioned the Shopper Sweep that Service Officers Higgins and Cape participated in which raised close to \$2,000 in food for the local food bank.

Adjournment:

- Vice-Chair Beam made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:58 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs