

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: May 9, 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

Calhoun County Administration:

• Assistant Administrator	Brad Wilcox	Present
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Agenda Changes:

- None.

Citizens Time:

- None.

Correspondence:

- None.

Old Business:

- Director Edlefson revisited the Calhoun County Veterans Scholarships. He presented different scenarios to the Committee for discussion and approval.

- Committee members discussed the scenarios and discussion ensued.
 - The Committee came to a decision on the division of funds for the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarships. It was decided to divide the \$50,000 Scholarship Fund as follows: \$15,000 to Kellogg Community College and \$35,000 to Western Michigan University.
 - Vice-Chair Beam motioned to accept the proposal. Secretary Philo seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

New Business:

- None.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson briefed the Committee on the decision made by the Scholarship Subcommittee in reference to the 2018 recipient of the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship at KCC.
- Director Edlefson discussed the Michigan Association of County Veteran Counselors (MACVC) conference that he and Service Officers Higgins and Cape attended last week.
- Chair Gray thanked Secretary Philo and Mr. Cady for participating in the KCC Scholarship Subcommittee.
- Director Edlefson provided a year-to-date update on the 2018 Budget and the 2018 Ending Fund Balance.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-040

Rent: \$714.22

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-041

Storage Unit: \$295.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-042

Rent: \$642.02

Decision: Approved

Minutes from April 11, 2018:

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

Good of the Committee:

- Director Edlefson mentioned some upcoming events:
 - City of Marshall Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 28th at 10:00 A.M.
 - Pennfield Armed Forces Appreciation Day, Friday, May 19th. Opens at 1:00 P.M. Program begins at 2:00 P.M.

- Tomorrow, May 10th, Director Edlefson and Service Officers Higgins and Cape will be attending the Joint Base Partnership Council Meeting at the Air National Guard Base.
- Mr. Baker mentioned on May 29th, there will be an event at Walters Elementary in Marshall. This event is put on by the Marshall and Albion American Legion Posts. This event will be held from 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., awarding 4th and 5th graders with patriotism recognition.
- Secretary Philo mentioned the Fort Custer Memorial Day Ceremony will be on Sunday, May 27th at 2:00 P.M.
- Chair Gray mentioned that he was contacted by a local school about a student initiated movement to have the Pledge of Allegiance done in the school. They are in need of flags that can be donated to the school for this.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Secretary Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:45 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs