

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: June 13, 2018

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chair, George “Rob” Beam at 2:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

• Chair	Sam Gray	Excused Absence
• 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	Excused Absence
• Administrative Assistant	Heidi Case	Present

Calhoun County Administration:

• Assistant Administrator	Brad Wilcox	Present
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Other Calhoun County Staff:

• Community Development Director	Jen Bomba	Present
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Agenda Changes:

- None.

Citizens Time:

- None.

Correspondence:

- Service Officer Cape received a thank you note from Kellogg Community College for singing “The National Anthem” at the KCC Memorial Day Ceremony.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson discussed Western Michigan University's Charlie Mike t-shirt campaign. Silver Star was presented a \$2,500.00 check from the campaign. An additional \$2,500.00 was awarded to WMU's veteran scholarship.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-052

Rent: \$411.00

Decision: Partial approval in the amount of \$148.00 with contingency

Applicant 18-048

Rent: \$2,775.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-049

Mortgage: \$11,167.69

Consumers: \$715.24

Semco: \$159.71

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-053

Rent: \$2,350.00

Decision: Partial approval in the amount of \$1,700.00 with contingency

Applicant 18-054

Rent: \$330.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-055

Semco: \$199.89

Water: \$213.06

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-056

Rent: \$1,033.55

Decision: Application was tabled for additional documentation

Minutes from May 9, 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:

- Mr. Baker mentioned a flag retirement ceremony that the Marshall American Legion is holding at Oakridge Cemetery tomorrow, June 14th, at 6:00 P.M.
- Mrs. Bomba mentioned that Community Development recently was awarded a grant for improving the public transportation for county wide residents. The work is in progress.
- Director Edlefson mentioned the Battle Creek VA's "Alive & Running VA 5K". The event is on Saturday, August 25th at 9:00 A.M. Registration must be completed online by August 23rd at 11:59 P.M. The event demonstrates a partnership between the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and Gryphon Place and is designed to promote suicide awareness.
- Director Edlefson advised the Committee that the July 11, 2018 Committee meeting needs to be rescheduled. The Committee agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 2:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

- Secretary Philo made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:35 P.M.

George "Rob" Beam, Vice-Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs