

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: August 8, 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:

• 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
• Communications Manager	Lucy Blair	Present

Agenda Changes:

- None.

Citizens Time:

- None.

Correspondence:

- The Calhoun County Veterans Affairs staff received two voicemails from veterans thanking them for assistance through the Calhoun County Veterans Relief Fund and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson presented the year-to-date budget for Calhoun County Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-057

Stair Lift: \$3,280.70

Decision: Approved, amount pending MVTF decision

Applicant 18-065

Rent: \$412.66

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-066

Electric: \$136.07

Gas: \$150.18

Decision: Both denied

Applicant 18-069

Rent: \$300.00

Car bill: \$844.74

Car registration: \$121.00

Car insurance: \$288.96

Decision: All denied

Applicant 18-070

Consumers: \$839.42

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-071

Rent: \$990.00

Decision: Approved

Applicant 18-072

Rent: \$550.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-073

Rent: \$622.00

Decision: Denied

Minutes from July 17, 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 discussed the following upcoming events:
 - Senior Day at the Ball Park is Thursday, August 9th, at C.O. Brown Stadium.
 - Veterans Day at the Calhoun County Fair is Monday, August 13th. The Flag raising ceremony is at 12:00 P.M.
 - Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair is Wednesday, August 15th.
 - Battle Creek's "Alive & Running VA5K" is Saturday, August 25th.
 - Operation S.A.V.E. Training is Wednesday, August 29th, at the Toeller Building Basement Conference Room.
 - Women Veterans Expo 2018 is Friday, September 7th, at Grand Rapids Community College.
- Director Edlefson and Chair Gray attended the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship signing at Kellogg Community College today, August 8th.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Secretary Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:25 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs