

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: September 12, 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:

- Calhoun County Veterans Affairs received a thank you card from Western Michigan University regarding the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Scholarship.
- The office staff received a thank you from local veteran.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Director Edlefson discussed a Vietnam Veterans of America press release titled, “New Opportunities to Help Michigan Veterans” at the request of Vice-Chair Beam.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson presented the year-to-date budget for Calhoun County Veterans Affairs. Discussion ensued amongst the committee members.
- Director Edlefson shared photos of the scholarship agreement signings at Western Michigan University and Kellogg Community College.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-076

Consumers: \$220.23

Water: \$584.15

Decision: Approved

Applicant 18-077

Rent: \$500.00

Decision: Approved with stipulations

Applicant 18-079

Rent: \$153.00

Decision: Approved with stipulations

Applicant 18-080

Rent: \$575.00

Decision: Approved

Applicant 18-081

Rent: \$246.00

Decision: Approved with stipulations

Applicant 18-082

Rent: \$1,798.84

Decision: Approved with stipulations

Applicant 18-084

Semco: \$1,210.80

Decision: Partial approval in the amount of \$796.80 with stipulations

Minutes from August 8, 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:
 - Calhoun County Caregiver Retreat, Wednesday, September 26th from 8:30AM – 2:00PM
 - Miles for Memories, Saturday, September 15th beginning at 10:10AM
 - VA Stand Down, Friday, October 19th, 9:00AM – 1:00PM at Full Blast
- Mr. Baker discussed a fundraiser being held by the Women of the American Legion of Albion on Saturday, September 15th from 2:00PM – 6:00PM at Silver Star Apartments.
- Chair Gray mentioned on Tuesday, September 18th, there will be a fundraiser at the McCamly Plaza for Habitat for Humanity, raising funds for a Veteran Build.

Adjournment:

- Secretary Philo made a motion to adjourn; Vice-Chair Beam seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:50 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs