

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: October 10, 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:

- None.

Citizens Time:

- Mr. Dick Overton, member of the Van Buren County Committee, visited our meeting to observe office operations.

Correspondence:

- None.

Old Business:

- Director Edlefson reviewed the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veteran Service Fund Grant. He made suggestions on plans for this grant; Committee members asked questions and made recommendations.

New Business:

- Director Edlefson discussed the MVAA County Incentive Grant. He presented plans for the use of this grant for the office.

Administrative Update:

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

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-085

Consumers: \$173.02

Rent: \$800.00

Vehicle Insurance: 163.20

Decision: Partial approval; \$173.02 for Consumers and \$410.00 for Rent.

Applicant 18-086

Brakes: \$326.11

Tires: \$697.00

Decision: Both denied

Applicant 18-088

Rent: \$809.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-090

Rent: \$962.47

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-091

Rent: \$990.00

Decision: Approved

Applicant 18-092

Rent: \$249.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-093

Propane: \$814.78

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-094

Consumers: \$923.57

Rent: \$860.00

Vehicle Payment: \$2,232.14

Utilities: \$66.19

Vehicle Insurance: \$404.92

Decision: All denied

Applicant 18-095

Moped Repairs: \$250.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-096

Consumers: \$513.66

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-099

Mortgage: \$2,886.15

Consumer: \$320.19

Semco: \$548.27

Decision: All denied

Applicant 18-100

Consumers: \$24.31

Semco: \$63.36

Decision: Both approved

Applicant 18-101

Rent (AFC): \$1,733.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-102

Vehicle Insurance: \$211.81

Vehicle Payments: \$974.46

Decision: Both denied

Minutes from September 12, 2018:

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

Good of the Committee:

- Director Edlefson discussed the following upcoming events:
 - 2018 Homeless Health Fair and VA Stand Down on Friday, October 19, 2018 at Full Blast from 9:00AM – 1:00PM.
 - Director Edlefson and Vice-Chair Beam will be attending The Senior Executive Service Pinning Ceremony for the new Director of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, Mr. James Doelling, on Monday, October 29, 2018.
- Chair Gray is receiving the Veteran Image Award at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on October 26, 2018 at the McCamly Plaza.
- Community Development Director Bomba shared about her presentation she gave at the Battle Creek Rotary Club on October 8, 2018.
- Service Officer Cape and Administrative Assistance Case attended the Calhoun County Caregiver Retreat on September 26, 2018.
- Chair Gray discussed current progress of the Habitat for Humanity Veteran Build.

- Chair Gray will be featured in the “Did You Know” article in the November issue of Scene Magazine.
- Director Edlefson and Secretary Philo will be attending Kellogg Community College’s Donors and Scholars Celebration on behalf of Calhoun County Veterans Affairs on October 11, 2018.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Philo 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