

# Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: November 14, 2018

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Vice-Chair, George “Rob” Beam, at 2:31 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	Present
▪ 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
▪ Communications Manager	Lucy Blair	Present

## Agenda Changes:

- Added Special Meeting Minutes.

## Citizens Time:

- None.

## Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Kellogg Community College 2018 Scholarship recipient Archie Wright.

**Old Business:**

- Director Edlefsen presented plans for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veteran Service Fund Grant and County Incentive Grant. The grants will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners, it will be forwarded to the state for final approval.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Administrative Update:**

- Director Edlefsen presented the year-to-date budget for Calhoun County Veterans Affairs, as well as the FY2019 budget.

**Veterans Relief Fund Applications:**

**Appeal 18-086**

Tires: \$697.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-103**

Rent: \$282.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-106**

Rent: \$575.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-108**

Rent: \$200.00

Decision: Denied

**Applicant 18-110**

Rent: \$268.00

Decision: Approved

**Applicant 18-111**

Partial past Rent: \$1,215.00

Past due Consumers: \$656.17

Decision: Partial approval for Consumers in the amount of \$656.17; Rent was denied

**Minutes from October 10, 2018 and October 23, 2018 Special Meeting:**

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

**Good of the Committee:**

- Secretary Philo and Mr. Baker discussed that American Legion Post 79 members attending the funeral for an unclaimed veteran.
- Mr. Cady mentioned that Salvation Army, Battle Creek Police Department, and local Battle Creek Fire Departments are taking donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank for the holidays.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

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Aaron D. Edlefson, Director  
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs