

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: December 12, 2018

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chair, Sam Gray, at 2:31 P.M. at which time Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

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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Other Calhoun County Staff

▪ Community Development Director	Jen Bomba	Present
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Agenda Changes

- None

Citizens Time

- None

Correspondence

- Christmas card received from VetraSpec

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 - Mr. Baker made a motion to keep officers as is. Vice-Chair Beam seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved
- Establishment of dates and times for 2019 Committee meetings
 - Vice-Chair Beam motioned to accept the current meeting dates as the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved

Administrative Update

- Director Edlefson presented the year-to-date budget for Calhoun County Veterans Affairs
- Director Edlefson mentioned that the possible upcoming Government shut down will not affect VA benefits
- Director Edlefson discussed the loss of the Marine Corps League as a Veteran Service Organization throughout the state
- Director Edlefson provided an update on the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency grant status

Veterans Relief Fund Applications

Appeal 18-111

Partial past rent: \$1,215.00 – denied

Application 18-112

Mortgage: \$4,449.72 – denied

Application 18-118

Rent: \$526.00 – approved

Application 18-119

Vehicle Repairs: \$814.14 – denied

Application 18-120

Rent: \$521.50 – denied

Application 18-121

Rent: \$223.00 – denied

Minutes from November 14 and November 30, 2018 Meetings

- 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 shared a video on the Veterans Towers Memorial Mural, planned to begin in spring of 2019
- Chair Gray mentioned that Lowes parking lot now has Veteran parking spaces available

Adjournment

- Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Philo seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:23 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs