



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1535 hrs. on December 19, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Domina and Marty Smith
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Deputy Director Michael Mortensen Present
Commissioner Marren absent

Minutes:

Novembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Current expenditures at 40.77%.

Moved by Domina, seconded by Smith to approve the previous months claims.

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 14 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of November 2023. Exception breakdown are as follows 10 Shelter, 3 food and 1 utility.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Domina to approve the exceptions for November 2023

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat discussed the DART program and continues discussions with DART board to have the new Market St. route implemented. Kemin Industries conducted an employee survey regarding transportation as a result of the survey Kemin has agreed to solely fund the first year of the new route.

Pat completed the budget request to the County Board of Supervisors for two additional full-time employees. Pat will complete the budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors on January 16, 2024.

Federal claims continue to increase with 499 total submitted claims in November 2023. August GDX reports over 14 million dollars brought in to the counties Veterans. 90% of Polk counties claims are completed at the local level. Appointment scheduling continues its success, clients are now scheduled two days out in hour long increments with emergency requests being triaged.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 22 incarcerated Veterans for November 2023.

Januarys' meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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