



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1535 hrs. on November 21, 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:
Octobers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:
Current expenditures at 34.41%.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Smith to approve the previous months claims.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith

Exception Report:
Pat discussed 28 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of October 2023. Exception breakdown are as follows 11 Shelter, 5 food and 12 utilities.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Commissioner Marren present at 1537hrs.

Moved by Marren, seconded by Smith to approve the exceptions for October 2023
VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:
Pat discussed DART ridership continuing to increase. Pat and Michael have continued discussions on the possibilities of an additional route east of Martin Luther King Jr Parkway. Area businesses have seen a decrease in retention of employees due to the lack of transportation and are committed to funding the new route. Polk County is officially a Home Base Iowa county. Polk County was the seventy fifth county in Iowa to become a Home Base Iowa county.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:
Michael reported 25 incarcerated Veterans for October 2023.

Decembers' meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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