



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1300 hrs on October 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Tim Krum, James Marren
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Assistant Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Septembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims.

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the claims of September 2021.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Krum, Marren

Exception Report:

Pat discussed fifty exceptions for the month with majority being to avoid homelessness or disconnects of utilities.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for September 2021.

VOTE YEA: Krum, Palmer, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

The monthly mobile food pantry continues to be of success; Septembers' pantry served 133 Veterans families. Our annual Veterans coat drive will be held at River place on November 12. The Board of Supervisors along with community members have donated several thousand dollars to purchase new winter wear items. DART ridership continues to increase

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen reported forty-four incarcerated in September. Open communication with several resources and treatment facilities allows the ability to assist Veterans with the underlying issue to their incarceration. Michael has been asked to assist in the Utility Response Team training.

Novembers' meeting will be held on November 16, 2021 at 1300 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chair

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