



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1532 hrs. on October 8, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Smith, Vikki Domina
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Absent
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Deputy Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Septembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Third month into the fiscal year; currently 2.96% over budget. Pat discussed the comparison of expenditures for previous fiscal year to current.

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

VOTE YEA: Smith, Domina

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 50 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of September 2024.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Domina to approve the exceptions for September 2024.

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat reviewed statistics comparing several data points to last fiscal year.

Guideline Modification Discussion:

Provided Commissioners with both current guidelines and proposed changes for their review.
Further discussion to be held during November meeting.

Quarterly Report:

No discussion; report provided to Commissioners.

The Veterans mobile food pantry took place today, 275 households were provided meals that included; chicken, turkey, plums, cottage cheese, dry goods and walnuts. Pat thanked our October volunteers; over 15 Polk County Sheriffs Office employees and deputies assisted with our distribution. All of our volunteers do a great job, with Deputy Director Michael completing a short orientation prior to the start of distribution. Volunteers for Novembers' distribution is scheduled to host Iowa Health and Human Services employees.

The Veterans annual Coat give-away is scheduled for November 1st; Polk County Board of Supervisors allotted us \$10,000 for the purchase of new coats.

Pat and Michael will be in attendance of the Salute to Veterans event at Prairie Meadows on November 11th.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael discussed 20 incarcerated Veterans in the month of September. Maintaining an open line of communication with law enforcement that may come in contact with a Veteran in crisis.

November's meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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