



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1534 hrs on June 21, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Kolleen Dahl

Commissioner-James Marren Absent

Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present

Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen Absent

Minutes:

Mays' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Current expenditures at 82% for this fiscal year.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Palmer to approve the claims of May 2022.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Dahl

Exception Report:

Pat discussed thirty-eight total exceptions for the month of May- sixteen shelter, eleven utility, and eleven food assistance vouchers. The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Palmer to approve the exceptions for May 2022

VOTE YEA: Dahl, Palmer

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat discussed the significant increase in total number of families assisted during our monthly mobile food pantry; 224 total families assisted. Jeromy Geiken was able to assist several families with the application process in applying for the Iowa Trust Fund; total awarded for the month of May was over twenty seven thousand dollars. Services provided included vehicle repairs, housing repairs, dental and vehicle purchases. Angel Kifer will be retiring from the Air Guard with twenty-two years of service.

DART ridership continues to increase; still a significant decrease to pre-covid ridership totals.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Executive Director Pat Sweeney reported 41 Veterans incarcerated in May. Sheriff's office disabled the previous program we were able to access. New program now being sent intermittently. Michael Mortensen will work with the jail to ensure proper reporting and resources are being sent out.

Julys' meeting will be held on July 19, 2022 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chair

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