



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1300 hrs on June 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Tim Krum
Commissioner James Marren late arrival 1:09pm
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Minutes:

Mays' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims.
Moved by Krum, seconded by Palmer to approve the claims of May 2021.
VOTE YEA: Palmer, Krum

Exception Report:

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Krum, seconded by Palmer to approve the exceptions for May 2021.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Palmer

Nominations:

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to nominate Palmer for Chair Commissioner for FY 21/22
VOTE YEA: Krum, Marren, Palmer

Moved by Krum, seconded by Palmer to nominate Marren for Secretary for FY 21/22
VOTE YEA: Krum, Marren, Palmer

Executive Directors' Report:

DART bus advertising campaign is currently running with five bus shelters, one exterior bus portrait and fifty interior cards. Digital and static billboards will begin running August 2. A new flag has been purchased for the sole Medal of Honor recipient buried in Polk County; Lt. Col. Pike served in WWI and is buried at Woodland Cemetery. The Iowa Trust Fund now allows for a one-time payment of \$5000.00 to assist in the purchase of a vehicle. Several modifications have been made to the Iowa Trust Fund application process and eligibility requirements to allow more Veterans to receive assistance. Executive Director applied for a grant with the Iowa Trust Fund to assist in the continuance of the mobile food pantries for Veterans.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

County Veteran Service Officer Michael Mortensen reported 62 incarcerated Veterans in May. Assisting 44 with financial assistance and 21 with federal claims. Michael discussed the necessity of utilizing the remote secure modules to visit incarcerated Veterans electronically. Commissioner Krum will coordinate with jail staff.

Augusts' meeting will be held on August 19, 2021 at 1300 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chair
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