



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1530 hrs. on April 23, 2024

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

Minutes:

March's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Nine months in to this fiscal year, current expenditures at 70.48%. Pat discussed completing an appropriation adjustment to purchase additional flags for the Polk County cemeteries.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the previous months claims.
VOTE YEA: Marren, Smith, Domina

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 24 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of March 2024. Exception breakdown are as follows 21 Shelter and 2 utilities and one food voucher.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for March 2024.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Marren, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

DART ridership totals continue to increase with 10,477 riders in March 2024. Pat discussed the third quarter activity report submitted to the Board of Supervisors, most notable increase was to both the phone calls and federal claims. Current GDX report shows an astonishing \$15,000,000 brought in to our county from federal claims awarded in Polk County. Majority of these claims are completed through our office.

The Board of Supervisors approved the FY 24/25 budget to include one additional full-time position in our department. After the final resolutions are complete in May, our office will begin the hiring process with a projected start date of July 1.

CVSOs attended Spring School April 16-18 obtaining the necessary CEUs to maintain their accreditation.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 25 incarcerated Veterans for March 2024.

May's meeting scheduled for May 21, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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