



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1530 hrs on April 19, 2022

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

Minutes:

March's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Current expenditures at 69.04% for this fiscal year.
Moved by Marren, seconded by Dahl to approve the claims of March 2022.
VOTE YEA: Palmer, Dahl, Marren

Exception Report:

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for March 2022
VOTE YEA: Dahl, Palmer, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

- a) DART program starting to increase ridership numbers; more routes have opened allowing Veterans to utilize public transportation more frequently.
- b) Third quarter report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors

Veterans' mobile food pantry distributed to 216 households in April. Due to the demand, the distribution has been starting earlier to avoid backup in the parking lot. Future pantries will have an increased request for quantities of supplies. Pat, Connie, Mike and Angel attended the Spring School of Instruction April 12-14, obtaining their CEUs to maintain their accreditation.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen reported 86 Veterans incarcerated in March. Michael discussed the need for our involvement assisting with scheduling exams and follow up appointments for federal benefits while incarcerated.

Mays' meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chairperson