



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1300 hrs on April 8, 2021 via ZOOM teleconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Tim Krum, James Marren
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Absent
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Minutes:

March's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Currently sitting at sixty-eight percent expended for this fiscal year. Funeral appropriations expended has been taken care of utilizing appropriations from our transportation fund.

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the claims of March 2021.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Krum, Marren

Exception Report:

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Marren, seconded by Krum to approve the exceptions for March 2021.

VOTE YEA: Krum, Marren, Palmer

Executive Directors' Report:

Staff returned to the office on a hybrid schedule. Face to face, appointments will be discussed once staff is comfortable with County procedures. Commissioners would like to wait until at least June before the discussion of in person meetings take place allowing more Iowans the ability to receive their vaccine. Burial flags and grave markers are being distributed to the cemeteries within Polk County for Memorial Day; this is in accordance with Ch. 35b subsection 16. Our office and the HUDVASH program have coordinated with the Free Store allowing us to provide all household furnishings to HUDVASH participants for a flat fee including delivery.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

County Veteran Service Officer Michael Mortensen reported 64 incarcerated Veterans in March. Assisting 50 with financial assistance and 35 with federal claims. Michael and Blaine attended the ILEA training on April 6. Commissioner Marren discussed the escalation of charges and common practices within the jail.

Mays' meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 at 1300 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer
Vikki Palmer, Chairperson