



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1530 hrs. on March 19, 2024

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

Minutes:

February's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Eight months in the FY, currently right on target.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the previous months claims.
VOTE YEA: Marren, Smith, Domina

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 25 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of February 2024. Exception breakdown are as follows 15 Shelter and 9 utilities and one food.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for February 2024.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Marren, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat discussed several federal claims receiving increases to their current disability due to the PACT act.
Retroactive payments are always a pleasant surprise to our Veterans and their families.
DART ridership continues to increase, still under pre-covid ridership totals.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 25 incarcerated Veterans for February 2024.

Michael reported HF259 passed unanimously and is headed to the house floor for a vote.

April's meeting scheduled for April 23, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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