



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1525 hrs. on March 18, 2025

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

Minutes:

February's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Eight months into the fiscal year and current expenditures are at 65.45%. Pat discussed the comparison of expenditures from previous years.

Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the previous months claims.

VOTE YEA: Smith, Domina, Marren

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 14 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of February 2025.

Decrease from previous month exceptions.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for February 2025.

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

Dart ridership for the month of February 2025 just over 10000 riders. DART partnership continues to be a great program for our Veterans community and a valuable resource for employers.

Pat and Michael met with compensation and pension examiners that work with all three contracting companies to utilize exam rooms at the Polk County Health Department for local exams. Logistics are continuing to be discussed with hopes that majority of our C&P exams will be scheduled local on the bus route.

County Veteran Service Officer Jeromy Geiken will be conducting daily jail visits for Veterans incarcerated in Polk County.

Commissioner Marty Smith thanked the staff for their continued dedication to the Veterans community.

Guideline Modification:

Pg. 5 Section V subsection 2-

Currently reads; "In all cases, it shall be necessary for a County Veteran Service Officer to prepare an income and expense statement"

Proposed Modification to remove County Veteran Service Officer to read "In all cases, an income and expense statement shall be prepared"

Moved by Marren, seconded by Smith to approve the guideline language modification.

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith, Marren

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 29 incarcerated in February.

Aprils' meeting scheduled for April 15, 2025 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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