



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1533 hrs. on February 20, 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:

January's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Current expenditures under allotment leaving a 3.43% variable
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 January 2024. Exception breakdown are as follows 18 Shelter and 7 utilities.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Marren, seconded by Domina to approve the exceptions for January 2024.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Marren, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

DART ridership continues to increase. The new Market St. route previously discussed has now been implemented. The new DART route will assist local businesses with employee retention.

Our second quarter activity report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors as required. Annual Guideline review will be conducted any modifications will be brought forth at our March meeting.

Pat discussed the purchase of flags and grave markers. Our office supplies three City of Des Moines cemeteries as well as payment for perpetual care of the designated Veterans sections within the cemeteries.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 24 incarcerated Veterans for January 2024. KITE system continues to maintain an open line of communication with inmates and our local resources. Pat and Michael met with Emma at the Polk County Jail to discuss resources of continuum of care post incarceration.

March's meeting scheduled for March 19, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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