



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1535 hrs. on February 18, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Smith

Commissioner Domina present via teleconference

Commissioner Marren absent

Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present

Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Deputy Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

January's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Seven months into the fiscal year and currently 1.28% over expended due to the third paycheck of the month. Pat discussed the comparison of expenditures from previous years.

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

VOTE YEA: Smith, Domina

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 15 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of January 2025.

31 total exceptions, 20 of those were for shelter and several three-day notices.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Domina to approve the exceptions for January 2025.

VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

Dart ridership for the month of January 2025 just over 8000 riders. DART partnership continues to be a great program for our Veterans community.

IACVS will be providing a commissioner training webinar on March 18th. Commissioners Smith and Domina would like additional information on this.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 31 Veterans incarcerated in January 2025. The KITE system continues to be our main form of communication with inmates while incarcerated in Polk County. Pat and Michael continue to have discussions on the necessity of building a report with the Veteran while incarcerated and will work with the Sheriff in creating a routine to allow CVSOs back in the jail daily.

March's meeting scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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