



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1307 hrs on February 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Kolleen Dahl, James Marren
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Assistant Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

January's minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Current expenditures at 53.95% for this fiscal year.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the claims of January 2022.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Dahl, Marren

Exception Report:

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for January 2022

VOTE YEA: Dahl, Palmer, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

a) DART program still showing a decrease in ridership; great program bridging the gap for Veterans transportation obstacles

b) Annual guideline review; modifications discussed will be amended at the March meeting. Due to Iowa Code Chapter 35, assisting other than honorable Veterans is not an option unless the Code changes the definition of a Veteran (Ch.35b.1)

c) Regular monthly commission meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of the month at 1530hrs.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Marren to approve the meeting time change from 1300hrs to 1530hr.

VOTE YEA: Dahl, Palmer, Marren

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Assistant Director Michael Mortensen reported a decrease of Veterans incarcerated in January with 48 total for the month. Michael continues to work closely with local law enforcement agencies and VA counterparts.

March's meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Vikki Palmer, Chairperson