



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1529 hrs. on January 21, 2025

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

Minutes:

Decembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Half way through the fiscal year and currently at 49.93% expended.
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 15 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of December 2024.
7 shelter, 5 utility and three food vouchers.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Marren, seconded by Smith to approve the exceptions for December 2024.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

Dart ridership had a slight decrease in rider totals from November, this is not out of the normal for this time of year. The second quarter activity report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors. January 14th was the budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors; no change from previous year. Average expended over the past five years is 91.78% of the total budget. The Board of Supervisors voted on current appointed Commissioners and staggered their reappointments with Iowa Code.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Pat reported 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 creating 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.

Februarys' meeting scheduled for February 18, 2025 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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