



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1524 hrs. on January 16, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Smith

Commissioner James Marren Present via teleconference

Commissioner Vikki Domina Absent

Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Absent

Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Deputy Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Decembers' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

Current expenditures at 47.23%

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

VOTE YEA: Marren, Smith

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 36 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of December 2023. Exception breakdown are as follows 16 Shelter, 11 food and 9 utilities.

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Marren, seconded by Smith to approve the exceptions for December 2023

VOTE YEA: Marren, Smith

Executive Directors' Report:

DART ridership continues to increase. The new Market St. route will be on the DART board agenda for January 23 with a projected start date of February 1, 2024. Kemin industries will fund the new route for the first twelve months.

Pat completed his budget presentation with the Board of Supervisors today. County Administrator recommended one general assistance employee of the two full time employees requested. This will allow current County Veteran Service Officers to better focus solely on their federal claims, without interruption of financial assistance requests. The board will notify Pat of final decision on County Administrators recommendation.

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

Michael reported 24 incarcerated Veterans for December 2023. KITE system continues to maintain an open line of communication with inmates and our local resources.

Januarys' meeting scheduled for February 20, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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