



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1300 hrs on January 14, 2021 via ZOOM teleconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vikki Palmer, Tim Krum, James Marren

Assistant County Attorney Kate Clark Present

Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present

Decembers' minutes approved no objections.

Pat discussed the previous months' claims. Currently sitting at forty-six percent expended for the fiscal year. Funerals is a line item that is hard to predict, six months in to this fiscal year and have already spent one hundred percent of the line item. Pat will have the ability to move funds around in the fourth quarter to cover the overage for funerals.

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the claims of December 2020.

VOTE YEA: Palmer, Krum, Marren

Exception Report:

The exception report is within guideline and ratified.

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the exceptions for December 2020.

VOTE YEA: Krum, Marren, Palmer

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat welcomed assistant county attorney Kate Clark to our commission. DART ridership is slowly increasing several routes still inactive. The second quarter report was sent to the BOS for approval on January 4. Former Assistant Director Nick Lemmo assisted with the mobile food pantry on January 12. Pat met with the new County Manager John Norris, discussing all aspects of our department. Fiscal year 21-22 budget presentation took place January 13 via video conference. New for 21/22 is a line item allowing us to assist with the purchase of a mini excavator for the city cemeteries allowing them to raise sunken headstones.

Guideline Modification

Moved by Krum, seconded by Marren to approve the guideline modification to position title from Director to Executive Director.

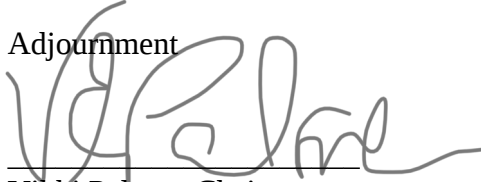
VOTE YEA: Palmer, Krum, Marren

Incarcerated Veterans Report:

County Veteran Service Officer Michael Mortensen reported 34 incarcerated Veterans in December. National Personnel Records Center is slowly returning discharges from our SF180 requests.

Februarys' meeting will be held on February 11, 2021 at 1300 hrs.

Adjournment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vikki Palmer', written over a horizontal line.

Vikki Palmer, Chairperson