



Veteran Affairs

Rebecca Buch
Veterans Administrator
Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-5703
Ph 515.286.3670
Fax 515.286.2106
www.polkcountyiowa.gov

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on September 8, 2016 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Krum, Vikki Palmer

Commissioner Mike Scione Present via teleconference

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Absent

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Scione to approve the minutes of August 11, 2016 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Palmer, Scione

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Scione to approve the claims of August 11, 2016 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Palmer, Scione

Administrator's Report:

Rebecca reported Connie Woodward-Schuttler attended an event at AIB on August 30, 2016. The Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be held September 16-18, 2016. September 17th Michael Mortensen and Rebecca Buch will attend the Echo Company family day event. Veterans Representatives will split shifts at the Fallen Soldiers Family Member event on September 24, 2016.

Michael Mortensen reported on the Incarcerated Veterans Program. 127 incarcerated Veterans had been seen in the past thirty days. 56 of them were repeat offenders. 71 are new to our office and 21 scheduled appointments upon release.

Guidelines Discussion

Rebecca discussed possible options for further assistance. First option being, payment plan elimination assistance. Assisting a Veteran with a one-time \$500.00 voucher to Mid-American, if they prove consistent payments during the moratorium. Second option, increasing the family rent maximum to \$900.00 and increase the phone allowance to \$80.00. The third option would be to provide Veterans with bus passes, we currently assist Veterans with bus tokens for medical appointments only. Commission agrees to discuss these options further.

Rebecca proposed moving expenditures from “service to vets” to the Administration account for advertisements in the FY 17/18 budget.

Chair commissioner Tim Krum would like to see detailed expenditures on the proposed guideline changes.

October’s meeting: will be held on October 13, 2016 at 1400 hrs.

Adjournment



Tim Krum, Chairperson