

BAY COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, May 21, 2019

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Vaughn Begick at 3:00 PM, followed by roll call.

Present at meeting: Vaughn Begick, County Commissioner; Marilyn Lazarz, Mike Pergande, Craig Goulet, Director of Administrative Services, Amber Davis-Johnson, Department of Corporation Council, Jim Barcia, County Executive; absent Troy Stewart.

Minutes: **2019-13** Motion made by Jon to approve 4-16-2019 minutes; support by Mike; 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS

Citizens Input: Gary Drzewicki informed the Committee of the Memorial Day schedule and requesting the Commissioners to attend. The flags will be stored in plastic totes.

Fred Zippler stated that AMVETS store the Memorial Day flags and will get with Mike Pergande if more flags are needed.

Petitions and Communications: a) Veterans Office Update: Craig stated the renovation of the Veterans Office is coming along and is on schedule for September 30 to be completed. b) Vet's Council Collaboration: Vaughn met with Fred Zippler and the Bay County Veterans Council and discussed the Transportation service work. Mike spoke about the Veterans Rest Group and Fred Zippler stated Veteran's Rest is not part of the or named in the Bay County Veterans Council. c) Emergency Relief Guidelines (Second Reading): Guidelines need to be developed on what is the income limit cap for an indigent Veteran. Guidelines referred back to Amber. **2019-14** Motion made by Jon to approve a certain dollar amount for an indigent Veteran and put guidelines back for review; supported by Mike; 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS: Memorial Day flags arrived at the American Legion Post 18 and can be picked up. Mike still has to write a memo to the Veterans Posts.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Committee Rules: Remain under review per Amber.

NEW BUSINESS: In the past 3 Committee meetings, the Bay County Transportation Program, Fred Zippler, had requested an increase in pay for the drivers who are currently paid \$1.00/Veteran. Discussion on the program by Marilyn stated to give the drivers an increase of \$3.00/Veteran as an incentive for their volunteer time since we are already paying them \$1.00/Veteran. **2019-15** Motion made by Marilyn to increase the drivers pay to \$3.00/Veteran transported by the Bay County Veterans Transportation Program. Motion not supported by Committee members. Mike stated to table this issue for June's meeting under Old Business. Mike will talk with the VA Hospital Transportation Program and check if they can help financially.

The input of burial information into the computer in regards to Veterans and the person receiving pay of \$3.00/burial input took place by Marilyn. The staff in the Veterans Office should be inputting this information as part of their job. Jon agreed and is willing to train the Veterans Office staff.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Memorial Day Schedule; Next meeting June 18, 2019.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:35 PM.