

County of Kent Department of Veterans' Affairs



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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE December 5, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. 82 Ionia NW, STE 380

Paul Potter, Chair
Fred Chambers
Mary Johnson
Harold Mast
Mel Bauman

MINUTES

Present: Fred Chambers, Harold Mast, Mary Johnson, Mel Bauman, Paul Potter, Wayman Britt, Carrie Roy

Guests: None

Absent:

1. **Call to Order** – Paul Potter called the meeting to order and lead the in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes** Harold Mast moved to approve the minutes from October 3, 2013. Fred Chambers seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Staff Report:**
 - A. **Financial Status as of 12/01/2013:** Ms. Roy reviewed the AFF with the committee. She indicated that there is 22.3% of the budget remaining. She explained that the main reason for this was the unusual low expenditures in the burial line item as well as the \$16,000 grant from the State.
 - B. **Emergency Needs and Burials:** Ms. Roy reviewed the emergency relief and burial expenses. She noted that \$1,706 was expended on food vouchers in October and \$760 in November, \$554 was expended on utilities in October and \$520 in November, \$1,000 was expended on rent in October and \$1,273 in November and \$1,800 was expended on burial in October and \$1,800 in November.

C. MVTF: Ms. Roy reviewed the MVTF report with the committee. The MVTF committee approved \$17,816.50 in emergency grants in the month of October and \$11,472.49 in November.

5. Reports:

A. Claims and Recoveries: Ms. Roy referred to the next report regarding claims and recoveries. The Department filed 36 claims in October and 32 claims in November. She noted that every month \$683,000 is coming into Kent County and that 8.1 million is being brought in annually. Paul Potter inquired about the status of the potential millage. Wayman reported that the Veterans Subcommittee will meet sometime in January or February to discuss future options for the millage.

6. Around the Table: There was discussion regarding MVAA and future plans. The State like the model that the West Michigan Veterans Coalition has heard in west Michigan is starting a pilot program in Wayne County similar to what we have locally. Ms. Roy reviewed the goals and plans of the WMVC. The committee agreed that we need to keep an eye on the legislature.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

8. Next Meeting: January 2, 2014.