

# County of Kent Department of Veterans' Affairs

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## VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 4, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

82 Ionia NW, STE 380

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mary Johnson, Fred Chambers, Paul Potter, Carrie Roy

**Guests:**

**Absent:** Mel Bauman

1. **Call to Order** – Paul Potter called the meeting to order and lead the in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes** Fred Chambers moved to approve, Mary Johnson seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Staff Report:**
  - A. **Financial Status as of 09/01/2014:** Ms. Roy reviewed the AFF with the committee. She noted that the budget has 38.30% percent remaining.
  - B. **Emergency Needs and Burials:** Ms. Roy reviewed the emergency relief and burial expenses. She noted that there was \$550 expended on rent in August. There was \$6,801 expended on utilities in August. Food expenditures were as follows, \$861.29 in July. In August \$680 was expended on burials. Ms. Roy also reviewed the administrative expenses of \$27,723, and noted that there were three pay periods in the month of August.
  - C. **Michigan Veterans Trust Fund:** Ms. Roy noted that there were 24 applications approved totaling \$22,980.15.

**5. Reports:**

A. **Claims and Recoveries:** Ms. Roy referred to the next report regarding claims and recoveries. The Department filed 41 claims in August. She reported that there is currently \$21,367.57 in recoveries for the month of August, \$909,938 in total monthly recoveries and about 10.9 million in annual recoveries.

6. **Around the Table:** Ms. Roy shared the response from Plachta Murphy and associates with the committee. They thanked the group for bringing the errors in their pamphlet to their attention and responded by updating their pamphlets and information.

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

8. **Next Meeting:** October 2, 2014