

BAY COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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, Troy Stewart, Jon VanTol, Craig Goulet, Director of Administrative Services and Jim Barcia, County Executive; Mike Pergande excused.

Minutes: **2019-19** Motion made by Jon to approve 6-18-2019 minutes; support by Troy; 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS

Citizens Input: Fred Zippler stated the Bay Area Community Foundation funds are only to be used for Bay County Veterans Park. Fred is trying to get approval to use the funds for other monuments in Bay County.

Fred said two months ago he asked the Committee to purchase cell phones for the Bay County Transportation drivers. Currently, out of his own pocket, he had purchased two cell phones for the drivers and is paying \$18/month per phone to Verizon for use of the phones. He does not want to wait months for the Committee to decide to purchase the cell phones. Fred receives 25 to 60 calls a day from Veterans for transportation.

Bruce Douglas went to school in regard to the Michigan Trust Fund and stated the Fund must be signed by two board members. Bruce commented on the \$125,000 that the Bay County Veterans Foundation received was not allowed by state law; it is strictly to aid Veterans and also not to be used for memorials.

Petitions and Communications: a) Remodel Update: Craig stated the remodeling is going quickly, coming along and very pleased.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS: a) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Transportation Statistics: **2019-20** Jon made a motion to receive 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Transportation Statistics and Troy supported; 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn brought up for discussion the input of Veterans burial vouchers by Veterans Affairs Office staff. Jon will teach the office staff once they get into their new offices.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on obtaining cell phones for drivers. Bay County has a cell phone program for employees and Craig will look into the program for cost of cells phones for Bay County Transportation drivers. Craig will give an update at the next meeting and will look into FOA regulations. Troy and Jon disapproved of purchasing cell phones for drivers; Marilyn approved for purchasing two basic cell phones. No motion made.

Keith Markstrom will be at the next Committee meeting, September 17, to speak on the Bay County Veterans Foundation Center.

MISCELLANEOUS: The First Presbyterian Church will have a memorial for MIA/KIA Pearl Harbor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Craig commented the Bay County Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers to walk dogs.

Bruce Douglas is moving his Veterans shop into the Knepp's building on Center or a building on Henry and Midland Streets. The money goes towards the Veterans.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:40 PM.