

BAY COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, June 18, 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, Troy Stewart, Craig Goulet, Director of Administrative Services, Jan Histed, and Jim Barcia, County Executive

Minutes: **2019-16** Motion made by Jon to approve 5-21-2019 minutes; support by Troy; 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

Citizens Input: Fred Zippler had nothing to say until the meeting goes on.

Petitions and Communications: a) Definition of Indigence: Discussion on what percentage the indigent population should be at for Bay County. **2019-17** Motion made by Mike for the indigent percentage to be at 165% for Bay County; seconded by Jon; 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. b) Remodel Update: Craig stated bids are in and remodeling happening. The money must be spent by November.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS: Mike mentioned will not need Memorial Day flags for two or three years. Some townships keep the flags on the graves all year. A policy letter needs to be developed on what is needed for Memorial Day flags.

OLD BUSINESS: a) Transportation Program: Fred Zippler spoke and asked for a motion by the committee to readdress the issue of giving the drivers a raise. **2019-18** Motion made by Mike to increase the drivers pay to \$3.00 per Veteran; and supported by Marilyn; 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. Craig stated budget adjustments will have to be made for the increase. Fred Lewandowski would like newer vehicles for the transportation program, especially a van and for the county to look for grants. Jim Barcia will look into this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Jon questioned the Bay County Veterans Council if they had an ID number, are they incorporated in the State and if the Council paid the corporation fee of \$20 per year? Fred Zippler will look into these questions. Mike would like an update report from the Bay County Veterans Foundation on how the \$125,000 is being spent. Craig will contact Keith Markstrom and invite him to the next Committee meeting in July.

MISCELLANEOUS: Free car washes will continue for the transportation program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Troy will be working on the Memorial Day schedule for next year, make it more functional and better promote the Memorial Day services. He will call the other Veterans organizations to get input. Jim Barcia commented on the Marine Corp League Convention and thanked Jon and Troy on a good convention. Craig stated Troy was the coach for Essexville Soccer Team.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:45 PM.

