

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE

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MEMBERS

Michael Shadbolt, Aaron Ricketts, Samantha Tubbs, John Saxton
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MEETING LOCATION

Minutes: Friday, August 9, 2024

I. Call to Order

Treasury Ricketts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Ricketts, Tubbs and Saxton. Staff-Sheldon, Veterans Service Director; Rupple. Deputy Veterans Service Director, VRSO Eschedor, along with Liaison Terry Collins, County Commissioner, were present. Executive Committee Members- Chairman Shadbolt excused

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda: August 9, 2024

Motion Initiated by Saxton, second by Tubbs and motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: July 12, 2024

Motion Initiated by Tubbs, second by Saxton and motion carried.

IV. Approval of Bills

Motion Initiated by Saxton, second by Tubbs and motion carried

A. Executive Committee Per Diem Pay

Executive Committee per diem pay of \$120.00 (\$40.00 x 3).

B. County Burials

County burials totaling zero

V. Reports - Veterans Affairs

A. Service Officer's Report

VSD Sheldon reported on the department's activities.

B. Meetings and Occurrence Reports

Business Related Meetings and Occurrence Reports: VSD Sheldon stated that she attended Human Service Building meeting on July 16 where each department reports on their updates. DVSD Ruple reported that he attended the July 17 Lenawee County Veterans Treatment Court virtual meeting. VSD Sheldon reported that she and DVSD Ruple, Chairman Shadbolt and committee member Saxton conducted interviews for the Veterans Relief Service Officer position on July 19. Interviewing 4 out of 38 candidates, offering the position to Kristina Eschedor. Kris started her new job with us on July 29 and is on her way to learning the routine. VSD Sheldon and DVSD Ruple commented that they attended the July 24 Veterans Day event at the Lenawee County Fair which was well attended. MVAA Director Brian Love attended this event as well and was one of the guest speakers. We did get the opportunity to talk to Director Love and his wife to let them know how much we appreciate the CVSF Grant and discuss some of our grant projects. VSD Sheldon reported on attending an in-person July 25 department head meeting at the old courthouse where the county administration staff report on current county affairs and the upcoming budget process. DVSD Ruple reported on Lenawee Human Service Collaborative August 2, virtual meeting. VSD Sheldon commented that we received the approved FY24 CVSF grant amendment on August 2. VSD Sheldon reported that she turned in the 2025 County budget request on August 2. DVSD Ruple and VRSO Eschedor commented that he attended the August 8 virtual Veteran's by Name Homeless meeting. VRSO Eschedor reported on August 9 Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition meeting regarding the effects of trauma on financial stability. DVSD Ruple reported that we had additional mechanical problems with the DAV van putting it out of commission for a few days again.

VI. Existing Business

A. Staffing Update

VSD Sheldon reported hiring Kristina Eschedor for the Veterans Relief Service Officer position.

VII. New Business

No New Business for the month of July.

VIII. Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Collins gave a county occurrence report and discussed county current events.

IX. Veterans Relief Fund

A. Review of VRF and PRF Applications

VSD Sheldon reported there had been (0) zero VRF applications since last meeting and (0) zero PRF applications since last meeting.

B. Meijer Food Voucher Program

DVSD Ruple reported that there had been (4) one veteran that received Meijer gift card totaling \$500.00 since the last meeting.

C. VetFuel Program

DVSD Ruple reported that there were (4) Veterans that received Vet Fuel gift cards totaling \$300.00 since the last meeting.

X. Partner Comments

A. MVTF Updates from Shadbolt

No report for MVTF for Lenawee County.

XI. Public Comment

DVSD Ruple reported that the DAV Van was in the shop and has been repaired and is back in operation.

XII. Adjournment

Motion initiated by Tubbs, second by Saxton and motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.