

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE

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MEMBERS

Michael Shadbolt, Aaron Ricketts, John Saxton, Ted Crockett
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MEETING LOCATION
Chambers

Minutes: Friday, March 14, 2025

I. Call to Order

Attendance: Executive Committee Members- Chairman Shadbolt, Ricketts, Saxton, Crockett. Staff- Sheldon, Veterans Service Director; Ruple, Deputy Veterans Service Director; Eschedor, Veterans Relief Service Officer, along with Liaison Terry Collins, County Commissioner, were present.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda: March 14, 2025

Chairman Shadbolt requested a motion to approve the agenda: Motion by Crockett, Second by Ricketts to Approve. Votes in Favor: Shadbolt, Ricketts, Saxton, Crockett. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2025

Chairman Shadbolt requested a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Ricketts, Second by Saxton to Approve. Votes in Favor: Shadbolt, Ricketts, Saxton, Crockett. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

IV. Reports - Veterans Affairs

A. Service Officer's Report

VSD Sheldon reported on the department's activities

B. Meetings and Occurrence Reports

VSD Sheldon reported that DVSD Ruple virtually attended the February 19 and March 5 Lenawee County Veterans Treatment Court sessions. VSD Sheldon commented that she and DVSD Ruple met with Jennifer Ambrose, the county's marketing and communicators coordinator, on February 21 to discuss updates to the department's county website. VSD Sheldon reported that she, DVSD Ruple, County Finance Director Zimolzak, and County Budget Analyst Stace virtually attended the February 27, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency/MVAA FY25 County Veterans Service Fund/CVSF grant round table meeting pertaining to grant funding being reduced to \$3.66 million statewide. Our grant budget was

reduced by over 35%, causing us to eliminate several plans and reconfigure initiatives to produce an amended budget as we go into our third quarter. VSD Sheldon reported that DVSD Ruple attended the in-person March 7 Lenawee Human Service Collaborated Meeting. VSD Sheldon commented that DVSD Ruple attended the March 10, virtual Lenawee County Veteran Coalition meeting. Discussion included details on the upcoming VA Claims Clinic to be held April 21 at JCC in Jackson. Our office plans to participate in this event. VSD Sheldon reported that VRSO Eschedore attended the March 11 virtual COC meeting. VSD Sheldon reported that she and DVSD Ruple attended an in-person Lenawee County Veteran Response Team/VRT meeting on March 12. The meeting included representatives from the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department, VA Medical Center, Lenawee County Mental Health, and related partners. Discussion focused on the overview and implementation to start the VRT program in Lenawee County. This will be the second county in the state of Michigan to have this program. VSD Sheldon reported on VRSO Eschedore attended the March 13 virtual BY-Name meeting. VSD Sheldon reminded the committee members that the office would be closed April 8-11 so that staff members could attend the MACVC spring conference and maintain their CEUs.

V. Existing Business

No Existing Business

VI. New Business

No Existing Business

VII. Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Collins provided an update on the Maurice Spear Campus project. The commissioners are currently working on updating policies and procedures. Additionally, a new committee, the "Bridging the Gap Sub-Committee," has been established to review opioid funding Projects.

VIII. Partner Comments

A. MVTF Updates from Shadbolt

Chairman Shadbolt reported the MVTF reviewed (4) applications with zero from Lenawee over the last month.

IX. Veterans Relief Fund

A. Review of VRF and PRF Application

VRSO Eschedore reported that the VRF application (25-002) requested Food (\$150.00) and Motor Fuel (\$150.00) and the Authorizing Agents approved, totaling \$300.00.

X. Public Comment

No Public Comments

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Shadbolt requested a motion to cancel the April 11, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting: Motion by Ricketts, Second by Saxton to Approve. Votes in Favor: Shadbolt, Ricketts, Saxton, Crockett. Opposed: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Ricketts, Second by Saxton to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM. Motion Passed.