

Waukesha COUNTY

VETERAN'S SERVICES
A DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson
Mr. Eric Holmes
Mr. Patrick Craney
Mr. Michael Johannes, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES EMERGENCY MEETING JANUARY 11 2019

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2018

The minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes. Mr. Eric Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Patrick Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET

There was a discussion about the 2019 budget. Mr. Johannes informed the Commissioners about the availability of \$10,947.00 and if needed, the Veteran Service Officer can make a request for more money. There was also a question about possible restrictions on a grant funded by United Way for veterans in Waukesha County for which there are no other resources. Mr. Johannes shared that there were currently no restrictions.

Mr. James Kebisek, made a motion to approve the 2019 Veterans Service Commission budget. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CASE # DJE/58262

The first case involved a 34 year-old veteran who served in the Army from 2008-2009. The veteran is currently still in the National Guard, started a new job, and is not service-connected. The veteran has a wife and two children and is behind with the rent for the months of December, 2018 and January, 2019. His spouse is unable to work because of the high expenses of child care. He is also struggling to pay for his energy bills. The Veterans Service Office referred him to Heat for Hero's energy assistance program. The veteran is also working with a counselor from the WI Veteran Outreach Program.

The veteran requested assistance paying his overdue rent. The Veterans Service Officer requested a total payment of **\$1,770.00** to pay rent for the months of December, 2018 and January, 2019 which includes late fees for both months. The funds would come from account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

\$1,770.00 Hillpark LLC

Mr. Eric Holmes made a motion to approve the request. Mr. James Kebisek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A stipulation was made that the veteran could not make a future request for Veterans Service Commission financial assistance.

CASE# JKA/53634

The next case involved a 76-year-old retired veteran who served in the Army from 1964-1966. The veteran is not service-connected but is on Medicare and currently applying for Medicaid. The veteran experienced a coverage gap in Medicare, resulting in high out-of-pocket medical costs from June-December. This resulted in the veteran being unable to pay his trailer lot rent. The veteran requested assistance paying the overdue rent. The Veterans Service Officer requested a total payment of **\$1,182.31**. The funds would come from account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

\$1,182.31 AMERICAN MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES

Mr. Eric Holmes made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Patrick Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A stipulation was made that the veteran cannot make a future request for financial assistance from the Veterans Service Commission.

CASE# JMD# JMD/58279

The last case involved a 71-year-old veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964-1968. The veteran is not service-connected. The veteran is receiving an income via a non-VA-Pension and Social Security. The veteran was incarcerated for over four months and his Social Security payments were halted until release. The veteran has accumulated several bills which he cannot pay due to the lack of income while incarcerated. The veteran requested assistance paying an ambulance bill that is currently in collection. The Veteran Service Officer also referred him to Heat for Hero's for further help paying overdue utility bills. The Veterans Service Officer requested a total payment of **\$436.95** to pay the amount that the veteran owns to Waushara County. The funds would come from account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

\$436.95 Waushara County

Mr. James Kebisek made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Patrick Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craney. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johannes, Secretary
MJ/fjv