



LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 19, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Veteran Services Office

1420 Lawson Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Pages

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
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5. Call to the Public
6. Applications for Relief
7. Business
 - 7.1 VAP Income Limit Increase

VAP income limits in use are from 2023 and do not mirror current COLA increases provided by the VA. LCVS proposes to increase 2023 rates by six percent (6%) rounded up to the next full dollar (3% for 2024 and 3% for 2025).

Recommended motion: Motion to approve proposed VAP income limit increase, as proposed.
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In January, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) provided a grand total of \$8,327.96 in relief funds. VAP relief funds were provided for burial benefits (\$5,000), housing/shelter assistance (\$2,400), utility assistance (\$745.15), and food assistance (\$182.81). Also, LCVS Transportation provided 183 rides to medical appointments which is a fare value of \$1,598.00.
9. Committee Discussion
10. Adjournment

UNAPPROVED MINUTES



LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Veteran Services Office
1420 Lawson Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joseph Riker, Robert Stants, James Wallace

Staff Present Ramon Baca, Elizabeth Young

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Committee Chair Joseph Riker called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. **Roll Call**

Roll call by the recording secretary indicated the presence of a quorum.

4. **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved by B. Hundley
Seconded by K. Nagle

Motion Carried (5-0)

5. **Call to the Public**

5.1 **Introductions**

LCVS welcomes our newest Committee member, Robert Stants.

6. **Applications for Relief**

None.

7. **Business**

7.1 **Appoint LCVS Committee Chair**

Discussion and selection of LCVS Committee Chair.

Motion to appoint Joseph Riker as Chair.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by B. Hundley

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.2 **Appoint LCVS Committee Vice Chair**

Discussion and selection of LCVS Committee Vice Chair.

Motion to appoint Kevin Nagle as Vice Chair.

Moved by R. Stants
Seconded by J. Wallace

Motion Carried (5-0)

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7.3 Appoint LCVS Committee Secretary

Discussion and selection of LCVS Committee Secretary.

Motion to appoint Bruce Hundley as Secretary.

Moved by J. Wallace

Seconded by K. Nagle

Motion Carried (5-0)

8. Director Reports

Ramon Baca, Director, reported on LCVS office activity and financials. LCVS budget and outreach goals were discussed, and Committee questions were answered.

In November, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) provided a grand total of \$18,175.00 in relief funds. VAP relief funds were provided per Committee authorized VAP packet for heating cooling unit replacement (\$10,880.00), burial benefits (\$6,995.00), and food assistance (\$300.00). Also, LCVS Transportation provided 160 rides to medical appointments which is a fare value of \$1,579.00.

In December, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) provided a grand total of \$10,632.37 in relief funds. VAP relief funds were provided for burial benefits (\$10,346.00), and utility assistance (\$286.37). Also, LCVS Transportation provided 193 rides to medical appointments which is a fare value of \$1,611.00.

9. Committee Discussion

Kevin Nagle announced that there may be some legal assistance available for civil matters regarding eviction, divorce, custody matters. Ramon Baca, Director, will research and notify committee members, staff and Livingston County Veterans if assistance is available.

Joseph Riker discussed the new audit requirements for the Michigan property tax exemption for 100% permanently and totally disabled veterans. Director clarified LCVS instructions to veterans is to contact their local township or city assessor's office annually, due to assessors in Livingston County not applying legislation in the same manner. It has been recommended to State Legislators to require annual re-training to ensure that the law is applied consistently throughout the county and the state. The lack of common application seems to be an on-going issue which often leaves veterans and/or widows confused and frustrated. LCVS continues to work with township and city assessors to ensure both our clients are satisfied.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Moved by J. Wallace

Seconded by K. Nagle

Motion Carried (5-0)

Elizabeth J. Young, Recorder

Livingston County Veteran Services January 2025 Summary

APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Appointment Type	January	YTD
Claims: Death Benefits	16	16
Claims: Non-Service Connected Pension	-	-
Claims: Survivors Pension	9	9
Claims: Service Connected Compensation	132	132
Other	21	21
VAP - Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund	11	11
Total Appointments	189	189

Walk In Summary		
Month	Total	Weekly Average
January	221	55
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2024 Total	221	

TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY

Monthly Transportation Summary		
Transportation Summary	January	YTD
Transportation Rides Provided	183	183