



LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 15, 2026, 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
4. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
5. Call to the Public
6. Applications for Relief
7. Business

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7.1 Veteran Assistance Program Limits

Based on the continued rise in essential living costs, as reflected in the ALICE thresholds, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Cost of Living Adjustment (VA COLA), LCVS recommends increasing the Veteran Assistance Program (VAP) income limits to align with current VA Healthcare income thresholds.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve the updated VAP income thresholds *and* authorize the Director to adjust the VAP income thresholds annually based on the VA's applicable COLA.

7.2 Burial/Funeral Reimbursement Increase

In accordance with Public Act 235, applicants may be eligible for a one-time reimbursement. To reflect rising final arrangement costs, LCVS is requesting an increase to the County Burial/Funeral Reimbursement benefit from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Recommended motion: Motion to increase Livingston County burial benefit to \$1,500 effective January 1, 2026.

7.3 Burial/Funeral Reimbursement Payouts to Date

To date, 19 burial benefit applications have been approved and processed since January 1, 2026. Of those, 15 applicants qualify for the additional burial benefit (as per item 7.2, if approved), totaling \$7,500.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve increased payouts retroactive

to January 1, 2026.

7.4 LCVS Transportation Services Expansion

Based on the rise of transportation needs, LCVS recommends expanding transportation services to include countywide non-medical trips, such as grocery shopping and work drop-offs or pickups, with scheduling available up to one week in advance. Medical appointments will remain the priority and may be scheduled up to 30 days in advance.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve the expansion of LCVS transportation services, as proposed.

7.5 Vehicle Purchase Request for 2027 Budget

Based on the life cycle assessment of the 2019 Dodge Caravan, LCVS recommends including the purchase of a replacement wheelchair-accessible vehicle, along with associated vehicle wrap costs, in the 2027 LCVS budget request.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve inclusion of the Ford Transit vehicle purchase in the 2027 budget request in the amount of \$98,235, plus \$4,000 for vehicle wrap, with up to 5% contingency, for purchase in mid-2027 and delivery in early 2028.

8. Director Reports

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In March, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) provided the following:

Emergency Relief Fund: Seven (7) applications for a total of \$7,200.

- Five (5) applications provided burial benefits for a total of \$4,895.
- One (1) application provided emergent shelter for a total of \$840.
- One (1) Committee approved application provided housing assistance for a total of \$1,465.
- Of note, LCVS has approved twenty-two (22) VAP applications this year for a total of \$24,216.08.

Transportation: LCVS provided 146 rides to medical appointments for a total fare value of \$1,223.

- Of note, LCVS has provided 420 rides this year, a total fare value of \$3,593.

9. Committee Discussion

9.1 LCVS Outreach Ideas Discussion

10. Adjournment

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**



March 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Veteran Services Office
1420 Lawson Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present Adrian Poulisse, Robert Stants, James Wallace
Members Absent Bruce Hundley, Joe Riker
Staff Present Ramon Baca, Jason Gutierrez, Elizabeth Young

1. Call Meeting to Order

Committee Chair Robert Stants called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by A. Poulisse
Yes (3): A. Poulisse, R. Stants, and J. Wallace
Absent: (2): B. Hundley and J. Riker

**Motion Carried
(3 to 0)**

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Applications for Relief

6.1 03.18.2026VAP-FY26-003

Motion to revise application number from 03.18.2026VAP-FY26-003 to 03.18.2026VAP-FY26-002 and approve both car payments (\$922.26) and lease payment (\$1,465) for a total amount of \$2,387.26.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by A. Poulisse
Yes (3): A. Poulisse, R. Stants, and J. Wallace
Absent: (2): B. Hundley and J. Riker

**Motion Carried
(3 to 0)**

7. Business

7.1 Memorial Day Flags and Markers

Annual request for Memorial Day flag and marker purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of 5,616 Memorial Day flags with Kalamazoo Flags, LLC. in the amount of \$8,010.13 with a 10% contingency at the Directors' discretion.

Moved by J. Wallace

Seconded by A. Poulisse

Yes (3): A. Poulisse, R. Stants, and J. Wallace

Absent: (2): B. Hundley and J. Riker

**Motion Carried
(3 to 0)**

Motion to approve the purchase of 150 Memorial Day markers with Collins Flags in the amount of \$4,792.63 with a 10% contingency at the Directors' discretion.

Moved by J. Wallace

Seconded by A. Poulisse

Yes (3): A. Poulisse, R. Stants, and J. Wallace

Absent: (2): B. Hundley and J. Riker

**Motion Carried
(3 to 0)**

8. Director Reports

Director Baca briefed the LCVS Committee members on current financial reports, Veteran Assistance Program activity, appointment and transportation summaries. Director Baca also provided an update on the millage resolution to be presented at the March 23rd Board of Commissioners meeting. Director Baca answered LCVS Committee questions.

In February, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) provided the following:

Emergency Relief Fund: Eight (8) applications for a total of \$6,868.74.

- Seven (7) applications provided burial benefits for a total of \$6,336.74.
- One (1) application provided housing assistance for a total of \$532.00.
- Of note, LCVS has approved fifteen (15) VAP applications this year for a total of \$17,016.08.

Transportation: LCVS provided 131 rides to medical appointments for a total fare value of \$1,049.

- Of note, LCVS has provided 274 rides this year, a total fare value of \$2,370.

9. Committee Discussion

9.1 LCVS Outreach Ideas Discussion

Committee and Director discussed future outreach recommendations and prior outreach efforts such as mailers, billboard signs and potential for highway billboards or paying for commercials (i.e. television & radio ads). Committee requested to add topic to April's agenda for further discussion.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

Moved by A. Poulisse

Seconded by J. Wallace

Yes (3): A. Poulisse, R. Stants, and J. Wallace

Absent: (2): B. Hundley and J. Riker

**Motion Carried
(3 to 0)**

Elizabeth J. Young, Recorder

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Livingston County Veteran Services March 2026 Summary

APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Appointment Type	March	YTD
Claims: Death Benefits	13	45
Claims: Non-Service Connected Pension	2	3
Claims: Survivors Pension	3	10
Claims: Service Connected Compensation	107	289
Other	36	87
VAP - Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund	10	19
Total Appointments	171	453

Walk In Summary		
Month	Total	Weekly Average
January	222	56
February	194	49
March	280	70
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2026 Total	696	

TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY

Monthly Transportation Summary		
Transportation Summary	March	YTD
Transportation Rides Provided	146	420