

Health & Human Services Committee

5/26/2009

304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI

7:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of meeting dated April 20, 2009
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **REPORTS**
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
6. **VETERANS AFFAIRS**
 - A. Veterans' Monthly Report - April, 2009
(See attachments)
 - B. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDIGENT VETERANS RELIEF MILLAGE OF 1/20 OF A MILL TO BE LEVIED UNDER PA 214 OF 1899 - Health & Human Services Committee
7. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
 - A. Update: Influenza A (H1N1) - Update and Future Actions
 - B. Update: Executive Order Budget Adjustments
 - C. Update: Miscellaneous Items
(No attachments to updates)

06B RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDIGENT VETERANS RELIEF MILLAGE OF 1/20 OF A MILL TO BE LEVIED UNDER PA 214 OF 1899

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION

NO:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDIGENT VETERANS RELIEF MILLAGE OF 1/20 OF A MILL TO BE LEVIED UNDER PA 214 OF 1899 - Veterans Affairs / Health & Human Services Committee

WHEREAS, Michigan law PA 214 of 1899 the County Board of Commissioners to levy an annual tax not exceeding 1/10 of a mill upon the taxable property of each township and city for those indigent veterans and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, those eligible to be assisted by the indigent veteran fund are honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries of all wars or military expeditions in which the United States of America has been, is, or may hereafter be, a participant, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and members of women's auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County has a veterans population of more than 13,000; and

WHEREAS, the recent redeployments of units to Iraq and Afghanistan coupled with the aging of veterans of all eras has resulted in an increase of 27% in office workload over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County Department of Veterans Affairs Committee has determined that the VA Means Test for Free Health Care will be used to determine if a veteran is considered indigent for the purposes of services provided by PA 214 of 1899; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 75% of the Livingston County Veterans served by the Veterans Affairs Office meet the criteria for the VA Means Test; and

WHEREAS, it is now proposed that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners approve a Veterans Relief Millage of .0050 mills (1/20th of a mill) to fund services for indigent veterans; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this millage is not subject to the popular vote requirement of the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution (Article 9, Sec. 31), because the Legislative authorization for the millage in the Veterans' Relief Fund predates the Headlee Amendment by 79 years; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County Department of Veterans Affairs Committee has determined that all indigent veterans and their dependents will receive relief services including, but not limited to: Counseling; assistance in the completion, filing, and monitoring of all federal, state, and county benefits such as disability compensation, disability pension, emergency financial assistance, health care, death benefits, home loan guaranty, education, insurance, vocational rehabilitation, death benefits, and survivors' benefits; transportation assistance, and county funeral benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of providing services to indigent Livingston County Veterans under PA 214 of 1899, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners defines an indigent veteran by the VA Income Means Test for Free VA Health Care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds generated by the 1/20th of a mill to be levied shall be used for direct services for eligible indigent veterans and dependents, which includes County Veterans Services employee staff time providing such services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to PA 214 of 1899, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners approves an Indigent Veterans Relief Millage of 1/20th of a mill to be levied against all real property annually in the County, with the proceeds of such millage to be placed into the County's Veterans' Relief Fund.

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