



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Minutes of
Special Meeting of Kalamazoo County Veterans Affairs Committee
September 30, 2019

I. Call to Order by Chair, Bob Hencken at 9:00 am.

II. Roll call

Members/Liaisons Present: Bob Hencken, Bruce Binns, Arthur Harris, Maury Kaercher, Laura Misner, Roger Tuinier

Members/Liaisons Absent: David Brewer, James Jeakle

Others Present: Lauren King, Heather Corbett, Jim Rutherford, Lisa Henthorn, Mike Quinn

III. Approval of Agenda

B. Binns approved the agenda. M. Kaercher seconded. Agenda unanimously carried.

IV. Discussion on interviewed candidates

B. Hencken says the subcommittee interviewed candidates for the Veterans Service Specialist. There were six candidates interviewed. The interviewing committee consisted of B. Hencken, B. Binns, L. King and M. Tobert. B. Hencken says the top two were chosen with the idea that number one would be offered the job and if disqualified then it would be offered to number two. B. Hencken says the number one choice was Peter Green, Jr. and the person that was chosen for number two was Lauren K. Patterson.

B. Hencken says out of the six candidates there were three that were highly qualified. Peter Green works for Volunteers of America handling their housing program for homeless veterans. He works closely with this office. Peter Green is extremely passionate about helping veterans. He does not have a Bachelor's Degree, but he has related experience. B. Hencken says they feel he would be a great mesh with the office. Lauren Patterson is a Veterans Service Officer in Allegan. She is very well qualified. B. Hencken says he feels Peter Green is the better choice for this office and he will be in this for the long haul.

B. Hencken moved that the job be offered to Peter Green, Jr. and if he does not accept or qualify then the job be offered to Lauren K. Patterson. M. Kaercher seconded.

J. Rutherford reiterates that Peter Green does not have a Bachelor's Degree. B. Hencken states that he does not. J. Rutherford says is there flexibility with this and has HR approved this. L. King states yes, that HR has approved.

B. Binns says you could see the passion in Peter Green and see him fitting in. A Harris says he thinks Peter Green will be here for the long haul.

Motion passed unanimously.

L. King says she will work with Mary Tolbert in getting in touch with Peter Green to offer the job.

V. Appointments of candidates

VI. Public Comment Time

None at this time.

VII. Any other items

L. King says construction is finished and we have another completed office. Everything fell within the time period.

VIII. Adjournment

M. Kaercher moves to adjourn. A Harris seconded. Motion carries. Adjourned at 9:15 am.

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