



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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From: Ronald J. Cink, Budget Director/Interim County Administrator

Submitted by: Tiffany A Givens, Commission Executive Assistant

ITEM TITLE

Request from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service for Use of Space at Baldwin County Central Annex

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Action Item with Discussion Necessary

Approve an Agreement for Use of Property Granted to U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service which allows use of space in the Baldwin County Central Annex, located at 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, Alabama, 2-4 times per month in order to expand access for Veterans needing counseling services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background: Staff received a request on April 3, 2023, from Christina Russo, Readjustment Counseling Therapist for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for office space(s) in Baldwin County used only to see clients who reside in the Baldwin County area. The closest center currently is in Mobile, Alabama and the drive to Mobile may be a barrier to accessing services for some.

Ms. Russo requests to use the Central Annex Small Conference Room 2-4 times per month, in order to expand access and remove barriers to care for the Veterans/Service Members in the Baldwin County area. Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional counseling to eligible Veterans, service members, including National Guard and Reserve components, and their families (at no cost).

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
Pending legal review by County Attorney (Tyler Thull) 04/21/2023 akg.

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

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Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Administration Staff have Chairman sign (2) original agreements and send to:

Ms. Christina M. Russo, MSW, LICSW
Readjustment Counseling Therapist
Mobile Vet Center #741
3221 Springhill Ave., Bldg. 2, Suite C
Mobile, Alabama 36607

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
N/A

Additional instructions/notes: N/A