VAC Veterans Assistance Commission of WC Washington County

Meeting Minutes, Apr 22, 2026

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Washington County (VACWC) Meeting was held on Apr 22, 2026, at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL, beginning at 7 pm.

Members Present:

Larry Harrison, Chairman, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 110
Lance Carr, Vice Chairman, Delegate, AL Post 233
Matthew Kasten, VACWC Superintendent
Steve Elliott, Delegate, VFW Post 5596
Kevin Pierce, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 233
Ken Storck, Alternate Delegate VFW Post 5596

Members Absent: Jane Clarke, Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate, AL Post 110

Others Present: Doug Stewart, General Counsel

1. Larry Harrison asked if all were present (all were), for the pledge, and a moment for reflection. He asked for the monthly report from Matt.

2. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Public Comment: None

3. The Chairman opened the meeting with a request to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer/reflection.

4. The Superintendent provided his report to include current assistance provided, training and technology updates, social media efforts, and the community outreach performed.

5. The Commission held a discussion over concerns about the 2026 budget. It was agreed by all present that our budget needs to be ready to be submitted in the very near future. The County Clerk will submit a request for budget proposals at the start of the budget season and we should be ready by then. The Commission discussed seeking more office space due to the increasingly high demand of the office and also discussed the potential of using County vehicles for VACWC use. The VACWC Superintendent agreed to investigate this with the County. Initial talks were held about the pros and cons of hiring a Secretary for the VACWC. Discussion of different approaches were had by the Commission and will revisit at a later date.

6. Closing remarks: The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2026, at 7PM at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL.

7. The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 8:11 PM.

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