VAC Veterans Assistance Commission

Of WC Washington County

Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2026

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Washington County (VACWC) was held on May 27 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
Jane Clarke, Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate, AL Post 110
Steve Elliott, Delegate, VFW Post 5596
Kevin Pierce, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 233
Ken Storck, Alternate Delegate VFW Post 5596
Matthew Kasten, VACWC Superintendent

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.

Matt provided the VACWC Behind the Scenes Report. This document provided the background for the foundation of the VACWC and provided information on for Founding Members. Matt provided members with a copy of the FY 2027 Proposed Budget as well. These requirements are due in July. Doug has a copy to review. Larry commented that we need to go to the .03 vs the .02 like last year. Last year we had a total of 80 and it was not enough.

Matt provided a technology update in his Superintendent Report and included a separate article on Artificial Intelligence. He also passed a copy of the student Work Study and Worksite Agreement with performance measures. He confirmed that the workstudy program was approved the day of the meeting by email for 1300 hours/year. It is our start.

Steve asked if we need to vote on (the budget?) Larry said it needs to be a resolution for next month. When do we want it to be on? Matt said we need to get it set up by the next meeting. All agreed to set it up by next meeting. We have close to $200,000. Line 13 is $250,000 before we have to take it off. If anyone has any corrections, bring it up. Bring up anything we left off.

(Steve?) asked if we need to budget more for a paid assistant? Participants noted that we need to show that we are using all methods possible to make this work ask for a paid assistant. They approved the 1300 hrs for the part time and if we need more than that, it is

a step at a time. After the work study, we will need more space, a larger office, and sooner than later.

Larry Harrison: Discussion about the AIT tech: the St Clair County regulation excerpt provided. The group asked if we want to make a resolution tonight? Larry agreed to put it on the agenda for next meeting agenda to confirm use. It is tabled until the next meeting. A motion was made to table it, and all agreed, it carried.

Matt is getting caught up with members coming through. Just a lot of loose ends so hard to get things done.

Larry made a motion to adjourn at 740. It was seconded, and all agreed.