VAC WC Veterans Assistance Commission of Washington County

Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2026

The Veteran's Assistance Commission of Washington County (VACWC) was held on January 28, 2026, at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL beginning at 7:10PM.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Vanessa McCollum, Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate, AL Post 110

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Public Comment: None

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

The Superintendent provided his report to include current assistance provided, recap of IACVAC training, status of VA access, and technology updates/equipment needed, and the community outreach performed. There was also a discussion about following up with information on the additional funding available through the Public Aid code of Illinois.

The Commission members discussed the 2026 budget received from Washington County, steps moving forward, and timelines for next year.

Resolution 01-01-2026 – Authorization for Equipment Purchase. The commission members discussed the various equipment needed for the VACWC. A motion was made, seconded, and approved 3 votes to 0 to approve the schedule as proposed.

There was a discussion about the Superintendent assuming the role of Secretary of the VACWC. Legal possibilities and conflict of interest were discussed. It was determined that we need to consult with our attorney concerning the legality. No action was taken on having the Superintendent assume the position of Secretary.

There was a discussion about getting a Commission picture taken with their service caps on for an upcoming article in the Washington County News.

Closing remarks: The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2026, at 7PM at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 8:17 PM.

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Vanessa McCollum
VACWC Secretary / Treasurer