



Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, Wed. Sept. 28, 2022 @ 7:00 pm Senior Citizens Center Mtg Room

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by VP Lee Gibbs

Invocation: Led by Ellis Boughton

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Roll Call: Wayne Leonard, Doug Bergren, Lee Gibbs, Ernie Johnson, Ellis Boughton, Joe Drozd, Lamoille Poffenberger, Danielle Eberle, Kevin Hovorka (Savanna Post 148)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

Agenda Approval as Amended: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- It was discussed on county's agreement to lower their support by \$2200 with the understanding that they will give the VAC more dollars if needed.
- The balance as of August 31, 2022, including the county tax deposit (Line Item 3005) was \$60,935.09. With Restricted Funds totaling \$19,711.98, the accessible balance is \$41,223.11.
- Motioned to approve by Joe Drozd, seconded by Danielle Eberle, passed.

Old Business:

- J.S. Behrens Veterans Dental Program up and running. As the grant request was for veterans in NW Illinois, this will cover Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and



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- Whiteside counties if income eligible.
- Will there be a 2022 Raffle? No. Not needed.
- Motioned not to have a raffle by Joe Drozd, seconded by Lamoille Poffenberger, passed.
- Flags were purchased and posted
- DAV van is gone
- Report on Steve Behrens: Because of illness, Steve Behrens has not been able to attend the past couple of meetings. It was discussed that Steve be relieved of his responsibilities to concentrate on getting better.
- Motioned by Ellis Boughton, seconded by Joe Drozd, passed.

New Business:

- Ellis on transfer of funds: The Equipment Fund is currently showing a \$1145.14 deficit. Ellis Boughton proposed to transfer \$2500 from the Reserve Fund into the Equipment Fund.
- Joe Drozd motioned to the transfer of funds, Lamoille Poffenberger seconded, passed.
- Tax rate for VAC? Mike Doty? County Administrator was not in attendance. With the new Military Veteran Assistance Act (effective 1/1/23), VAC funding is supposed to .02% of the county's EAV. If any dollars are left over from the previous year, the county will make up the difference the following year to equal the .02%.
- Eliminate \$3000 limit for dental plan: This amount may have been underestimated. We will probably need more per person. It will stay the same for now until we have a few veteran's expenses to have a more accurate total. We have been informed that if more money is needed, we can apply for it.
- Motioned to approve made by Joe Drozd, seconded by Ernie Johnson, passed.
- For out of county vets in dental program, set regulations.
- New visitor chairs on castors \$309/chair. This was for cloth covered chairs. Vinyl covered chairs will cost \$429.24, so we will look for cheaper.
- Motioned to look for cheaper chairs made by Joe Drozd, seconded by Lamoille



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Poffenberger, passed.

- New VAC President: Because Steve Behrens is unable to fulfill his duties as President of the VAC due to illness, it was decided to elect a new President. Ellis Boughton nominated Danielle Eberle as President, she accepted the nomination. No other nominations were entered. She was then elected by a vote of the VAC Board. She will be seated at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

- Monthly and Quarterly Reports: In member's packets

Report from the Board President: None

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

- Joe Drozd motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lamoille Poffenberger, Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.