

Veteran's Assistance Commission

Full Commission

December 5, 2022

- Called to order at 7:00 PM.
- Present: Hartel, Albers, Cope, Yard, Logsdon, Kellenberger, Copple, Gutierrez, Superintendent Strowmatt.
- Absent: Hampton excused, Hudson, Williams
- Guests: Bob Snead, Joe Page
- Conducted interviews with Patrick Frisbie and Cassandra Hampton for the position of VAC Superintendent.
- Motion by Gutierrez to move to closed session. Second by Kellenberger.
- Closed session 7:25 to 7:40
- Cassandra Hampton approve by majority vote to the position of VAC Superintendent.
- Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion by Hartel to accept. Second by Kellenberger. Motion passed.
- Treasurers Report: No report
- Superintendent's Report: See written report. Motion by Gutierrez to accept, Second by Kellenberger. Motion passed.
- Committee Reports: None
- Old Business: County Tax Levy request accepted.
- New Business: None
- General Discussion: None
- Next Officers Meeting: January 9, 2023 at 1 PM. Joint Conference Room
- Next full Council Meeting: March 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Joint Conference Room
- Motion to adjourn by Hartel, Second by Kellenberger. Approved 7:54 PM

Submitted by,

John Albers

Secretary

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Executive Meeting

January 9, 2023

1. Called to Order: 1:00 pm by President Copple
2. Present: President Copple, Treasurer Gutierrez, Secretary Albers, Outgoing Superintendent Strowmatt, In-coming Superintendent Hampton. Sandy Leitheiser and Jean Strausbaugh were welcomed as guest.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes of last meeting were accepted
5. Treasurers Report was accepted
6. Superintendents report was accepted.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: Outgoing Superintendent Dave Strowmatt was honored for his years of service to the veterans of Montgomery county by President Copple. Lee Fenton presented Dave with a custom made fishing rod and reel as a retirement gift. Sandy Leitheiser presented both Dave Strowmatt and Jean Strausbaugh with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work on the Veterans Medals Research Project for the County. Cassandra Hampton was welcome as the new VAC Superintendent.
9. Meeting closed at 1:45 pm
10. Next Executive Meeting 1:00 pm, February 6, 2023. Next Full Commission Meeting 7:00 pm, March 6, 2023.

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Executive Meeting

February 6, 2023

Present: Superintendent Hampton, President Coppel, Secretary Albers

As there was no quorum, there was general discussion addressing the resumes that had been received for the position of the Assistant to the Superintendent. Resumes were being reviewed and a time for phone and in person interviews would be set as soon as applicants were available.

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Full Commission Meeting

March 6, 2023

1. Called to Order: 7:01pm by President Cople
2. Roll Call: 8 present, 6 absent, Bill Cope excused.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome Guest: Bob Snead, County Liaison
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: No minutes as there was no quorum.
6. Treasurer's Report: No report
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Attended County Board Meeting
 - b. Attended IACVAC Winter Conference
 - c. See written report for Veterans Service/Case Load
8. Committee Reports: Initial Finance Committee Meeting April 14, 2023
9. Old Business: Rachael Kuhl was hired as Assistant/Clerk to the Superintendent.
10. New Business: Delegate Appointment paperwork needs to be completed and mailed in.

11. General Discussion: None

12. Next Officer's Meeting April 3, 2023, 1pm. Next Full Commission Meeting June 5, 2023,
7pm.

13. Meeting Adjourned 7:30

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Officers Meeting

April 3, 2023

1. Called to Order: 1:00pm by President Cople

2. Roll Call: Cople, Cope, Albers, Gutierrez

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Welcome Guest: Ray Kellenberger

5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd Cope Accepted

6. Treasurer's Report: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd Cope Accepted

7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Written Report submitted by Superintendent Hampton

 - b. Motion by Albers, 2nd Cope Accepted

8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Initial Finance Committee meeting April 14, 2023. 1:00 pm

 - b. Final Financial Committee meeting April 21, 2023. 1:00 pm.

9. Old Business: Delegate appointments completed.

10. New Business:
 - a. Supervisor Hampton will attend NACVSO Basic Benefits Course 24-28 April.

b. Office hours for that week will be Monday thru Thursday 9:30 am to 2:15 PM.

11. General Discussion: None

12. Next Officer's Meeting May 1, 2023, 1pm. Next Full Commission Meeting June 5, 2023, 7pm.

13. Meeting Adjourned 1:08 pm.

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Officers Meeting

May 1, 2023

1. Called to Order: 1:01 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: Copple, Cope, Albers, Gutierrez were Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. No Guests
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Cope, 2nd by Gutierrez, Accepted
6. Treasurer's Report: No Report
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Attended County Board Meeting
 - b. Attended NACVSO Basic Benefits Course
 - c. Conducted VSO Outreach meetings at VFW and Marine Corps League in Greenville
 - d. See written report
8. Committee Reports: Finance Committee Approved Budget on April 21, 2023
9. Old Business: NACVSO Basic Course was completed by Superintendent.
10. New Business: Superintendent to attend IACO Conference May 10-12, Springfield, IL
11. General Discussion: None

12. Next Full Commission Meeting June 5, 2023, 7pm. Next Executive meeting July 10, 2023

13. Meeting Adjourned 1:25 pm.

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Full Commission Meeting

June 5, 2023

1. Called to Order: 7:03pm by President Cople
2. Roll Call: 6 present, 4 absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome Guest: Rachel Kuhl
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Cope motioned, Gutierrez 2nd. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report: See written report. Gutierrez motioned, Albers 2nd. Motion passed.
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Attended IACO May 10-12 May
 - b. See written report for Veterans Service/Case Load. Albers Motioned. Gutierrez 2nd. Motion passed.
8. Committee Reports: Budget Committee submitted budget proposal. Albers motioned. Gutierrez 2nd.
Budget proposal approved.
9. Old Business:
10. New Business:
11. General Discussion: VA has asked Superintendent to file claims for Graham (Hillsboro) Correction Center veteran inmates. Superintendent will investigate further and try to make that work.
12. Next Officer's Meeting July 10, 2023, 1pm. Next Full Commission Meeting September 11, 2023, 7pm.
13. Meeting Adjourned 7:30

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Officers Meeting

July 10, 2023

1. Called to Order: 1:05 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: Copple, Cope, Albers, Gutierrez, Superintendent Hampton Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: Rachel Kuhl, Mrs Cope
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Cope, 2nd by Gutierrez, Accepted
6. Treasurer's Report: See written report. Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd by Cope. Accepted
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Trip Training completed.
 - b. Received accreditation NACVSO.
 - c. TMS VA Training completed.
 - d. Attended County Board Meeting
 - e. See written report.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: Cope commented that county website VAC page needs updated. Superintendent Hampton reported county is in process of updating.
11. General Discussion: Superintendent Hampton informed the board that the county has hired the company Bellweather to update the budget process for the 2024 budget. See letter from Bellweather. Superintendent Hampton informed her office will be painted.
12. Next Officers Meeting August 7, 2023. Next Full Commission Meeting September 11, 2023.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1:25 pm.

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Officers Meeting

August 7, 2023

1. Called to Order: 1:05 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: Secretary Albers absent, Pres Copple attended via phone
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: Rachel Kuhl
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Cope, 2nd by Gutierrez, Accepted
6. Treasurer's Report: No report
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Finger printed at Jefferson Barracks. Waiting on background check.
 - b. Attended County Board Mtg
 - c. See written report.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. 2024 Budget proposal submitted to Bellweather
 - b. Memo sent out with corrected budget
11. General Discussion:
 - a. All veterans can ride the VAC van. Must meet Art at HHS 5:00 PM

b. October is Officer election Month

12. Next Officers Meeting October 2, 2023. Next Full Commission Meeting September 11, 2023.

13. Meeting Adjourned 1:20 pm.

VAC Annual Meeting
October 02, 2023

President Rick Copple opened meeting at 7:04pm.

Secretary John Albers excused.

President Rick Copple led Pledge Allegiance.

Welcome Guest – Montgomery County Board member Bob Snead.

Treasure's Statement & Budget Submission – budget submitted, waiting for Decision, Dec 1st is beginning of the fiscal year. Treasure Gutierrez motion to accept report, 2nd Carl Rhodes, Pass.

Superintendent's Summary – County Board meeting, Public events, Veterans, continued van transportation, cell phone for soldiers, 1,190 veterans helped, volunteer drivers needed. Office becoming digitalized. Leroy Hertel motion to accept Superintendents report, Vice President Bill Cope 2nd. Pass

Old Business – None

New Business - IACVAC Delegate and Alternate – No changes

Finance Committee Appointments – Add Bob Fuehne

FY 2024 Meeting Schedule – handed out

Nomination and Election of Officers – Remain same – Treasure Gutierrez motion, Carl Rhodes 2nd, Pass.

General Discussion – President Copple referred to all the grammar errors in the by-laws, President Copple will correct errors.

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Cope.

Submitted by,

Acting Secretary,

Treasure,

Chris Gutierrez

