

VAC Quarterly Meeting
September 11, 2023

VAC Quarterly Meeting
December 04, 2023

President Rick Copple opened meeting at 7:00pm

Secretary John Albers excused.

President Rick Copple led Pledge Allegiance

Welcomed Bob Sneed as guest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – No quorum for last meeting.

Treasure's Report – Report given; Carl Rhodes motion to accept, Phil Hampton 2nd, motion passes.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Cassandra Hampton reported all the WWII historic information has been recorded in the County Clerks Sandy Leitheiser's Office. It's very historical information. Bill Cope motion to accept report, Carl Rhodes 2nd, motion passes.

Committee Report – Budget Committee reported budget has been finalized and accepted.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

General Discussion – Nokomis American Legion Post 94 Commander Dave Conan replaced by Nelson Auman. Next Officer's meeting January 8, 2024. Next full commission meeting March 4, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Cope 7:0pm.

Submitted by,

Acting Secretary,

Treasure,

Chris Gutierrez

Veterans Assistance Commission

201 S. Main St.

Hillsboro, Illinois 62049

Officers Meeting

January 8, 2024

1. Called to Order: 1:03 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: President Copple, VP Cope, Sec Albers, Treasurer Gutierrez. All Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: None
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd Cope. Carried
6. Treasurer's Report: Written Report for 2023
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Letter to the Governor went out.
 - b. Web site is up and running. Linked to Montgomery site.
 - c. See written report.
 - d. Motion by Cope, 2nd by Gutierrez. Carried.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: None
11. General Discussion: VAC office will no longer store items for individuals or organizations.
12. Next Officers Meeting February 5, 2024. Next Full Commission Meeting March 4, 2024.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1:19 pm.

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Officers Meeting

February 5, 2024

1. Called to Order: 1:09 pm by Vice-President Cope
2. Roll Call: President Cople -Excused, VP Cope, Sec Albers, Treasurer Gutierrez. Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: None
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd Albers Carried
6. Treasurer's Report: Written Report. Motion by Albers, 2nd Cope. Carried
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. See written report.
 - b. Motion by Cope, 2nd by Gutierrez. Carried.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business:
 - a. Missed IACVAC meeting due to bad weather.
 - b. IACVAC May meeting also cancelled.
 - c. Some Delegate/Alternate forms still need to be returned.
 - d. Officers need to complete FOIA certification training.
10. New Business: None
11. General Discussion:
 - a. County is looking at installing a bathroom in the Annex.
 - b. There is discussion about a possible grant for the county to do renovations. North wall and entrance are a couple areas that need repair.
 - c. Inventory of office items need to be completed for the county.

d. At next full meeting the medical equipment lending will be discussed to to potential injury liability to the county.

12. Next Officers Meeting April 1, 2024. Next Full Commission Meeting March 4, 2024.

13. Meeting Adjourned 1:35 pm

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Full Commission Meeting

March 4, 2024

1. Called to Order: 7:00pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: 7 present, 3 absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome Guest: None
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Cope motioned, Gutierrez 2nd. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report: See written report. Gutierrez motioned, Hampton 2nd. Motion passed.
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. See written report for Veterans Service/Case Load. Gutierrez Motioned. Cope 2nd. Motion passed.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Initial Finance Committee Meeting will be 15 April 2024
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. Get Delegate/Alternate forms turned into Superintendent.
11. General Discussion:
 - a. Superintendent submitted for a DCEO Grant to repair front entrance.
 - b. Superintendent recommended getting rid of used medical equipment Motion Bill Second Chris
Passed
12. Next Officer's Meeting April 1, 2024, 1pm. Next Full Commission Meeting June 3, 2024, 7pm.
13. Meeting Adjourned 7:19

Veterans Assistance Commission
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Hillsboro, Illinois 62049
Executive Meeting
April 1, 2024

Present: Superintendent Hampton and President Rick Copple

Not enough members present for a quorum. No minutes to report.

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Officers Meeting

May 6, 2024

1. Called to Order: 1:00 pm by Vice-President Cope
2. Roll Call: President Cople, Sec Albers, Treasurer Gutierrez. Present VP Cope Absent
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd Albers Carried
6. Treasurer's Report: Written Report. Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd by Albers. Carried
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. See written report.
 - b. Motion by Gutierrez. 2nd by Albers. Carried.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business:

Finance Committee completed budget proposal for the Full Commission
10. New Business: None
11. General Discussion: None
12. Next Officers Meeting July 1, 2024. Next Full Commission Meeting June 3, 2024.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1:08 pm.



Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission
201 S. Main Street
Hillsboro, IL. 62049
Executive Meeting
July 1, 2024

Present: Superintendent Hampton, President Rick Copple, Vice President William Cope.

Not enough member present for a quorum. No minutes to report.

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Officers Meeting

August 5, 2024

1. Called to Order: 1:00 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: Copple, Albers, Cope present. Gutierrez Absent
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: Rachel Kuhl
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Cope, 2nd by Albers, Accepted
6. Treasurer's Report: See Written Report. Motion by Cope, 2nd by Albers. Accepted
7. Superintendent's Report: See Written Report. Motion by Albers. 2nd by Cope. Accepted
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. 2025 proposal submitted to County.
 - b. Vice President Cope submitted a Letter of Resignation due to on going health concerns.
11. General Discussion: None
12. Next Full Commission Meeting September 9, 2024 at 7 PM. Next Officer's Meeting October 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Annual Meeting October 7, 2024 at 7 PM.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1:20 pm.

VAC Quarterly Meeting
September 09, 2024

President Rick Copple opened meeting at 7:05pm

Roll Call - President Rick Copple, Vice President Bill Cope, Treasure Chris Gutierrez present;
Secretary John Abers Absent

Delegates - AL post #94 Nokomis, Carl Rhodes, Amanda Stewart; AL post #299 Raymond, Phil Hampton;
AL post #425 Irving Bob Fuehne Absent; AL post# 436 Litchfield, Cope; AL post #701 Waggoner, Jon Yard;
AMVETS post #16 Litchfield, Lucas Pence Absent; VFW Post #16 Litchfield, Rick Copple; VFW Post #6628
Panama, Randy Thacker Absent; MCL Detachment 1385 Litchfield, Chris Gutierrez, Gary Doss

President Rick Copple led Pledge Allegiance

Guest – Retired VAC Supervisor Dave Strowmatt; Ruth Ann Cope; Publisher Mary Herschelman of the
Hillsboro Journal

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Motion by Vice President Cope; 2nd Rhodes; pass

Treasure's Report – Motion Treasure Gutierrez; 2nd Rhodes; pass

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Cassandra Hampton gave the following report: Attended budget
hearing and finance committee meeting. Will attend County board meeting Tuesday, September 10th. Treasure
Gutierrez motion; Vice President Cope 2nd; pass

Committee Report – No report

Old Business – Budget proposal for Bellwether and County Treasure was good.

New Business – Because of the increase in the amount of the budget a Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on
September 24, 2024.

Vice President Cope submitted his resignation to President Copple. Resignation is accepted. President Copple
appointed Tresure Gutierrez to Vice President and Amanda (Mandy) Stewart to Treasure. Delegates present
approved appointments.

Superintendent Hampton reminded commission the office will be closed September 16th – 20th for training that
both her and assistant Rachel Kuhl will be attending.

General Discussion – Dave Strowmatt thanked resigning Vice President Cope for his 21 years of service, 15 as
Vice President and ask all present to learn 330 ILCS 45, which Cope knew well. President Copple presented
resigning Vice President Cope with a crystal plaque.

Next Officers' meeting October 7, 2024, at 6:30pm. Next Full commission meeting October 7, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn by resigning Vice President Cope at 8:00pm.

Submitted by,

Acting Secretary,
Vice President, Chris Gutierrez

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Full Commission Annual Meeting

October 7,2024

1. Called to Order: 7:00pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: Rhodes, Stewart (AL Post 94) Albers (AL Post 229) Jon Yard (AL Post 701) Copple (VFW Post 3912) Gutierrez (MCL 1385) Superintendent Hampton Present. AL Post 153, AL Post 425, AL Post 436, AMVETS Post 16, VFW Post 6628 absent. 5 Posts Present, 5 Posts Absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome Guest: Rachel Kuhl
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Gutierrez motioned, Rhodes 2nd. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report: Budget has been submitted to the County. Gutierrez motioned, Rhodes 2nd. Motion passed.
7. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. See written report for Veterans Service/Case Load. Rhodes Motioned. Albers 2nd. Motion passed.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. FY 2025 Meeting Schedule distributed
 - b. IACVAC 2025 Delegate Copple, Alternate Gutierrez
 - c. Finance Committee Stewart, Rhodes, Albers
11. General Discussion:
 - a. Expenses of Front Entrance repairs of VAC Office will be covered by a \$6,500.00 grant from DCEO.

b. County has approve a Resolution to recognize Operation Green Light for November 4th thru 11th

12. Next Full Commission Meeting December 2nd, 2024 7pm. Next Officer's Meeting January, 6, 2025. Next Annual Meeting October 6, 2025

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motioned Gutierrez 7:33 PM

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Officers Meeting

October 7, 2024

1. Called to Order: 18:35 by President Copple
2. Roll Call: President Copple, Vice-President Gutierrez, Secretary Albers, Finance Stewart Present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd by Stewart Accepted
5. Treasurer's Report: No report
6. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. See written report. Motion by Gutierrez, 2nd by Stewart. Accepted
7. Committee Reports: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. 2025 Budget Hearing and Meeting not set yet.
9. New Business: None
10. General Discussion:
 - a. Rachel Kulh attended Basic Benefits Course 23-27 September 2025.
11. Next Officer's Meeting November 4, 2024 at 1 pm. Next full Commission Meeting December 2, 2024 at 7 pm.
12. Meeting Adjourned 1:20 pm.

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Officers Meeting

November 4, 2024

1. Called to Order: 1:04 pm by President Copple
2. Roll Call: President Copple, Sec Albers, Treasurer Stewart, Superintendent Hampton, VSO Kuhl, Present. VP Gutierrez approved absence.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests: None
5. Minutes of Last Meeting: Correction on item 10. a. Change 2025 to 2024. Motion by Albers, 2nd Stewart. Carried
6. Treasurer's Report: See written report. Motion by Albers, 2nd by Stewart. Carried
7. Superintendent's Report: See written report. Motion by Stewart, 2nd by Albers. Carried
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Old Business:
 - a. FY 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - b. IACVAC Delegate & Alternate
10. New Business:
 - a. Temporary Business Hours instituted – Office is Closed on Friday to allow Superintendent to catch up on claims.
 - b. Operation Green Light November 4-11.
 - c. Rachel Kuhl completed NACVSO Accreditation.
 - d. Rachel Kuhl Completed TRIP Tng for PIV to give her access to VA.
11. General Discussion: Superintendent in process of revamping the financial assistance program. Will present results to the next Full Commission meeting.
12. Next Officers Meeting January 6, 2025. Next Full Commission Meeting December 2, 2024.
13. Meeting Adjourned 1:18 pm.

