

**Minutes**

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

**Date:** 01/02/2008

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**Preliminaries:**

- **Called to Order:** 7:00 PM
- **Prayer:** Recited by Frank Kurtz
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Ted Simpson
- **Meeting dedication:** Our uniformed men and women in harms way.
- **Roll Call:** VAC Board Members: Gene White, Vice President
  Ted Simpson, Secretary
  John Schwartz Treasurer
  Frank Kurtz,
  Ed Kurz,
  Norm Meier
  Jeff Cox
  Arnold Bitterman
  Phil Smith

  **Absent:** Don Dahm, President
  Brian Clason
  Dale Gilbreth
  Mike Marclelain

  **Excused:**

  **Work:**
  Dale Gilbreth
  Mike Marclelain

  **Sick Call:**
  Don Dahm

  **Additional Attendees:**
  Nancy Martin, County Board Liaison
  Ed Dixon, VAC Superintendent
  Steve Barrett, VAC Assistant Superintendent

  A quorum was established.

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**Commission Officer’s Reports:**

- **President’s Report (Don Dahm):**
  - Don Dahm was excused and Gene White was delayed at work so Ted Simpson presided over the meeting.
  - Norm Meier served as the secretary for this meeting.
  - A motion was made by Ed Kurz (second by Frank Kurtz) to suspend the monthly meeting for February and March. The motion was discussed and passed unanimously.

- **Secretary’s Report (Norm Meier acting Secretary):**
  - Motion to accept the December minutes & file for record. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Treasurer’s Report (John Schwartz):**
  - Norm asked about the check donated by the Newark American Legion for $100 that was never cashed. This was a check that was to be used to cover expenses in the campaign to get the referendum passed. It was not needed and the Newark Legion was instructed that they can void it. Motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report for file and audit.
VAC Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent – ED Dixon:

- Year to date expenditures for Veterans assistance are $3,698.33
- Year to date expenditures are $21,269.57.
- The office has conducted seminars on the VA’s Improved Pension with two senior groups.
- The Superintendent has worked with the Kendall County States Attorney’s office on two court cases.
- The annual report to the Illinois governor’s office has been submitted.
- Additional information was provided to the County Board regarding the VAC office expansion. The plan was approved on December 18th by a 10-0 vote of the County Board.
- Aside from the daily runs to Hines we have 8 additional runs so both vehicles are being used. The 12 Boxes of food were delivered to needy vets in December.
- A motion was made by Arnold Bitterman (second by Jeff Cox) that the Board approve the expenditures necessary for the office expansion construction, furniture, and fixtures. A discussion was held on the motion regarding the funding. The money will come from the 2007 reserve funds that were allocated for that purpose in line item 8902-000-6976 of the budget. $40,000 was placed in that line item and the estimates are around $29,000. The office expansion project was approved by the VAC Board in July of 2007. It was approved by the County Facilities Management and the Finance Committees who passed it to the County Board who approved the project 10-0. A roll call vote was taken:

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VAC Committee Reports:

- ICVAC
  - Next meeting is January 23rd to 25th
  - We need a new Delegate and a new alternate. All members of VACKC should consider taking this post. Call Don if you are interested and contact Ed to coordinate travel. Ed will be taking Steve with him to introduce him to their peers.
**Old Business:**

- Arnold Bitterman was asked to excuse himself from this portion of the meeting while we discussed his unemployment claim. A motion was made by Gene White (second by Phil Smith) to drop any additional appeals on the claim. A discussion was held about the appeal process - the next step in this appeal process would be circuit court. A roll call vote was taken:

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- A discussion was conducted about bringing the moving wall to Kendall County. And what do we do with the money if we are not going to bring it to Kendall County. Ed Dixon will bring the information he has to the April meeting. After discussion it was decided to bring this idea to the County Legion Meeting at the Newark Legion on January 28th. The money in our account will be available to support this effort. We will address this matter again in April. Phil Smith brought up the possibility that, if nothing else, we could donate the money to the Veterans Memorial in Marseilles. That suggestion was quickly ruled out because the money must remain in Kendall County.

**New Business:**

None

**Good of the Commission:**

SICK CALL: Dale Gilbreth is in the hospital and Al Spreenburg just got home from hospital.

**Closing Prayer**  Frank Kurtz

**Salute the Flag**  Ted Simpson

**Adjournment:**  8:10 PM

Submitted by:  Ted Simpson, VACKC Secretary
Date submitted for approval: 04/02/2008