

Minutes

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Date: 2/17/2010

Special Meeting

❖ Called to Order: 7: 00 PM

❖ Prayer: recited by Frank Kurtz

❖ Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Phil Smith

❖ Roll Call: Present 8 Absent 4 Quorum YES

❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:

Ed Dixon County Superintendent; Steve Barrett Assistant County Superintendent; Nancy Martin VAC liaison; Ann Vickery, Kendall County Board Chairman.

➤ Special Meeting Purpose: VACKC Assistance Rates

❖ President Phil Smith's opening remarks lead to the following motions, discussions, and votes.

- MOTION 1: To adopt the Will County VAC flat assistance rates rather than continue to use our pro-rated percentage assistance rates.

- DISCUSSION: This action will save the VACKC a substantial amount annually and could avoid our reserve fund from being depleted. On the other hand, if we halted our assistance when our budgeted amount is used up could result in our office being turned over to public aid department until the beginning of the next budget cycle when assistance monies have been approved.

- Motion 1 passed.

- MOTION 2: To amend Motion 1 by adjusting the Will County food allowance rates to a \$25 increment.

- DISCUSSION: This is being done because Will County's amount are in odd dollar amount increments and Kendall County uses Aldi certificates which are only issued in \$25 increments. For veterans not on Illinois Link Benefits, this would set our monthly rates at \$50 food and \$25 hygiene for a signal vet, \$75 food and \$50 hygiene for a vet + 1, and a maximum of \$100 food and \$50 hygiene for a vet + 2 or more.

- Motion 2 passed.

- MOTION 3: To begin the new assistance rates on April 1, 2010 and send out an informational letter informing vets of the new rates.

- DISCUSSION: The consensus was that April 1st would be the courteous way to handle the situation and give a month's grace period before phasing in our newly amended assistance rates.

- Motion 3 passed.

➤ Special Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

Submitted by: Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary

These minutes were submitted April 7, 2010 and approved.