



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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To ALL Members of the Will County VAC,

Due to the fact that proper procedures were inadvertently not followed during the election last night, as Chairman of the Will County VAC I am declaring the election null and void.

At our next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020. we will hold a call for nominations from the floor followed by the election.

Officers of the commission shall be:

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

CHAPLAIN

SGT-AT-ARMS

Nominations so far are:

Jack Picciolo

Nicholas Barry

Denise Williams (Appointed)

Jim Singler

Amanda Koch

Tom Mlynek

The Executive Board shall be composed of the five Elected Officers of the Commission and three (3) Members elected at large:

One Member shall be elected to serve a term of office for four(4) years

One Member shall be elected to serve a term of office for three (3) years

One Member shall be elected to serve a term of office for two (2) years

Nominations can be e-mailed to me at LPFD130@sbcglobal.net. Also, there will be a call for nominations for ALL eight (8) elected positions prior to election at the meeting.

Respectfully,

Victor J Martinka

Chairman Will County VAC



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13 October 2020

Commission Meeting 7PM

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- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer:
- II. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Vic Martinka	Chairman	
Jack Picciolo	Vice Chairman	
Denise Williams	Secretary	
Tom Mlynek	Treasurer	
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	
Jim Singler	Chaplain	
James Baskerville	Member	
Nicholas Barry	Member	
John Kestel	Past Chairman	
John York	Past Chairman	
Tony Sallesse	Past Chairman	
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (15 Aug @ 7:00pm)
 - A. Motion:
- V. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Financial Assistance Report
 - a) Sept 2020
 - 1. Gas: (3) \$98.13
 - 2. Electric: (9) \$624.75
 - 3. Water: (4) \$293.62
 - 4. Shelter: (4) \$1,400.00
 - B. Award Log/VSO Productivity:
- VI. New Business:
 - A. Election of 2020 VAC Board/Officers
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Will County CARES Funding \$120M
 - a) Monies received

1. #Project165 Report
 2. RedMane Software
- B. 2020 By-Laws Sent
- VIII. For Good of the Commission:
 - A. New Building Update
 - B. DCEO Grant
 - C. Meeting Schedule/Time 2021
- IX. Outreach planning for 2020
 - A. 5 November 2020, Senior Services "Thankful Table"
 - B. 7 November 2020 MSHV Resource Fair @ Post 1080
- X. VAC Employee Training for 2020/2021
- XI. Motion to Adjourn

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 - A. Motion: W. Horne, J. Picciolo; Unanimous
- V. Superintendents Report:

- A. Financial Assistance Report

McNichol advised re: budget is not based on a tax levy but does mirror tax levy; advised unspent 2020 monies will be carried forward into 2021 budget; also advised our shelter numbers are not reflective this month due to differences in reporting practices of Joshua Arms;

McNichol advised comparison of 2019-2020, overall numbers are lower due to Covid-19 but productivity per VSO is higher, increases in line w/status of Covid closing/opening of services;

G. Wiza advised there is also a significant delay to NPRC not being open; notes VA is also experiencing VA for service-connected compensation;

E. Papineau advised regular VA health care is continuing apace, new claims requiring C&P, new veterans ID's are significantly delayed

Motion: Picciolo, Horne; Unanimous

B. Award/VSO Productivity:

E. Papineau advised each VSO now has the ability to add their own records to the logs;
G. Wiza advised there are delays in processing and other systems not well reflected in the award/productivity logs

E. Papineau advised some claims are finalized, others are still waiting for C&P exams, dependent on the availability of contractors; normally, 4-6 month turn around, delays are not yet evident but anticipated in the next months; this delay is impetus for changing tracking of productivity

C. Motion: Picciolo, Singler; Unanimous

VI. New Business:

A. Election of 2020 Officers

a) Slate of nominations:

Chairman – J. Picciolo

Vice Chair – N. Berry

Secretary – D. Williams

Sgt. at Arms – A. Koch, T. Mylnek

Chaplain – J. Singler

D. Williams requested each nominee make a statement

Roll Call vote for uncontested positions; unanimous

Roll Call vote for Sgt. at Arms:

J. Picciolo – Koch

D. Williams – Mylnek

T. Mylnek – Mylnek

A. Koch – Koch

J. Singler – Koch

W. Horne – Mylnek

Chairman Martinka cast tiebreaking vote for Mylnek

Motion to accept ballots cast: Horne, Picciolo; Unanimous

B. Will County Cares

K. McNichol advised monies have been received, advised funds will be run through County, will not appear on budget

V. Tawrel advised funds have been used to house 4 veterans in the hotel so far, one was removed for violations of decency rules; advised AGAPE, Will Grundy Medical, etc; advised moratorium on evictions ends on 10/17/20, anticipating increase in HP cases and needs;

K. McNichol advised funds are currently being used exclusively for housing; spoke to other organization (XXXX) to donate for gas cards, food, grocery card;

V. Tawrel advised use of Northern Illinois foodbank will be utilized for food

J. Blue asked re:cost of rooms, K. McNichol advised request is not for rooms, but is for food gift cards, McDonald's, Subway, groceries etc.



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C. Update By-Laws

- a) Last update was 2016
- b) RedMane Software

K. McNichol advised new software will be capable of capturing significantly more demographics, better user interface

- c) 2020 Bylaws - sent

VII. Old Business

A. New Building

K. McNichol advised move in on schedule; advised new temporary lease has been signed

B. DCEO Grant

K. McNichol advised new van has been purchased, already in service

VIII. Outreach planning for 2020

A. 5 November 2020, Senior Services Thankful Table

B. 7 November 2020, MSHV Resource Fair @ Post 1080

W. Horne asked if there were any Veterans Day services yet planned; no services/events planned at this time

IX. VAC Employee Training for 2020/2021

K. McNichol advised all trainings still scheduled to be online

X. Motion to Adjourn: Horne, Singler; Unanimous

**VAC Executive Committee Meeting
11/12/2020
7PM
2400 Glenwood Ave STE 110 Joliet IL 60435**