



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00PM

2400 Glenwood Ave Suite 110 Joliet, IL 60435

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

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	President	P
Nicholas Barry	Vice President	P
Denise Williams	Secretary	P
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	P
Jim Singler	Chaplain	P
Tom Mlynek	Member	P
Janet Blue	Member	E
Steve Benicke	Member	E
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	P
John Kestle	Past Chairman	E
John York	Past Chairman	E
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	P

III. IGA with County Executive Office

A. Discussion

Chris Wise explained definition of IGA,

-Horne/Koch asked how Wise's role works as a county atty in conflict-of-interest situation; Wise advised

there is a state statute that allows him to represent VAC interests despite being a County-funded ASA

-McNichol advised VAC falls under MOU w/County Exec, ASA is County Board, Wise advised this, and the existent statute answer the conflict of issue question

-McNichol advised in IGA 2.6 states county does not indemnify VAC, McNichol advised there is case law stating county must represent VAC (LaVite V Madison County), 2.6 will need to be adjusted to reflect this

-Williams asked if VAC needs to file a writ of mandamus, who will represent VAC against the county
Wise/Horne advised we would need to hire outside council

-IGA to expire at the end of each County Executive term, every 4 years, Wise recommended a set date, Koch recommended after swear-in date in December

-Horne advised once VAC initial budget was approved, there have been no contentions with county board over VAC budget, McNichol advised budgetary increases have been

-Koch advised 1.6 stricken removes the county board, asked if there are any other mentions of the County Board to be examined/stricken

-Piccilio advised Will County Department of Community Services (Garland) is mentioned in 1.7; McNichol advised this office has attended meetings, receives copies of agendas, minutes

-Koch suggested striking "Will County DoC"

-McNichol advised 2.5 addresses ethics, states in the past County has advised due to VAC not being county employees, ethics trainings, etc., do not apply; reworked to "Ethics Advise", not representation

-2.6 to be reworked, removed sentence "County shall not be required..." due to case law, section to remain, Wise to rework

-Koch advised 4.2, rework to set date of IGA expiration

-Wise recommended language to include terms of previous IGA continue until new IGA is approved; discussion settled on adding language the terms continue if neither VAC or County submit, request change

-McNichol directed attention to 1.5.3 addressing purchasing policies/regulations, to address option of VAC obtaining its own EIN, credit card, etc.

-McNichol asked about language for auditor, Wise advised 1.5.3 advised auditor is covered, and is covered by Statute

-Piccilio requested final write up of IGA to be ready between March 8 meeting and April meeting, will require calling a special meeting

IV. For Good of the Commission/Public Comment

-McNichol advised atty. Wise noticed quorum is only 3, should be one more than half

-Horne asked if past chairman count as quorum, Wise advised if past chair vote, they count; suggestion to limit past chair are limited.

-Koch suggested instituting a small stipend to encourage attendance

-McNichol advised there may be a grant to cover a stipend

V. Motion to Adjourn:

Horne, Koch; unanimous