



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday May 16, 2023 – 6:00p.m.

*Brookens Administration Center
1776 Washington Street
Urbana, Illinois 61802*

Board Members Present: John Maggio, Jim Ellis, Jim Forman, Rudi Laufhutte, Ray Elliott, Adam Yau and Brad Gould.

Board Members Absent: Jim Ellis

Members Present: David Murphy, Robbie Walker, Cheryl Walker

County Board Members Present: Jeff Wilson, Diane Michaels

Call to Order

Maggio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

President, John Maggio, Vice President, Rudi Laufhutte, Judge Advocate, Jim Forman, Delegate@ Large Ray Elliott, Delegate @ Large, Adam Yau and Superintendent, Brad Gould. were present.

Approval of minutes

MOTION by Forman to approve the February 21, 2023, meeting minutes; seconded by Elliott. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Laufhutte to approve the agenda; seconded by Forman. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report was read and distributed. **MOTION** by Forman to approve the report; seconded by Laufhutte. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Superintendent Gould introduced David Murphy as the new superintendent to replace him on June 1, 2023

Public Participation

Steve Summers, County Executive; Michelle Jett, Director of Administration; and Matthew Banach, Assistant State's Attorney discussed with the VAC Board about the new Public Act 102-1132. Discussion was held about the changes in the board structure, by-laws and the funding change for FY 2024.

New Business

MOTION by Laufhutte to approve the hiring of David Murphy; seconded by Forman. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Laufhutte to have Brad Gould and David Murphy update the by-laws for the August meeting; seconded by Yau. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Discussion was held on the funding amount for FY 2024. Brad Gould and David Murphy will provide documentation to support the increase in funding.

MOTION by Laufhutte to increase the Veteran Financial Assistance Fund to \$120,000.00; seconded by Elliott. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

Good of the Commission

Jim Forman announced that he now a member of American Legion Post 1015

Superintendent Murphy announced that the next meeting will change to Wednesday due to scheduling conflict of meeting rooms.

Superintendent Murphy announced he has meetings set-up with American Legion 19th District and the AMVETS #52

Next meeting will then be August 16, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Gould

Approved 8/16/2023