

# MINUTES

## Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County

The February 2024 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Chairman Kelm on 19 February 2024 at 5:06 pm.

All Executive Committee members were present except, Senior Vice Chairman, Brad Niles and Secretary Jesse Strebin were excused. County Board member Marion Thornberry attended.

All Boone County Post delegates were present except Brad Niles, Post 77 and Jesse Strebin, Post 205, were excused.

The secretary's reading of the Minutes was approved as read by Bernie Bland.

### Public Comment:

- Harlan Heaton commented on how he has been a driver for the VAC for five to six years. He requested the support of the purchase of the van for the VAC to use for transporting vets.
- David Delgenio commented on how Robert Ryder made it difficult for him to receive assistance. He stated that Elizabeth helped him receive assistance and continues to do so.

### Reports by the President:

- OMA Violations Report Reading.

### Committee Reports:

- None

### Superintendent's Report:

- Submitted January VACBC Monthly "Operations Report"
- Submitted January VAC "Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report"
- Discussed and requested we gather data for VAC vehicle for drivers and office use.
- Introduced and welcomed our new part-time VSO, Victor Somoza.

On motion by John Grzelak and second by Gary Knox the Superintendent's Report was accepted

### Unfinished Business:

- Re-vote/final action on Superintendent termination for Robert Ryder May 22, 2023.
- Re-vote/final action on Interim Superintendent appointment for Elizabeth R. Carville May 26, 2023.

### New Business:

- Discussed county proposal for VAC moving buildings in the future to the health department or administrative building. Superintendent stated the courthouse plans proposed by county would not be ideal for our veterans.
- Discussed VAC community member veteran award and nomination for VA Hospital Middleton Veteran Wall of Honor nominees.

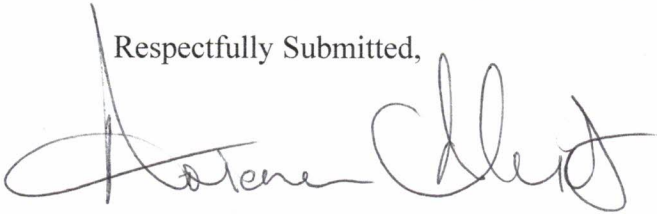
**General Discussion:**

- None

The next meeting will be held 18 March 2024 at 5:00 pm at VFW Post 1461 at 1310 West Lincoln, Belvidere, IL

On motion by John Grzelak and second by Gary Knox the February 2024 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariana Alejos', written in a cursive style.

Ariana Alejos

VAC VSO Assistant / Officer Manager