Commissioner James G. “Grant” Wells called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30a.m. on 8 December 2022. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, James G. “Grant” Wells, and Ronald Coss. Assistant Director Crystal Baker were also present. Bill McGee was absent and excused.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Tom O’Neal moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 1 December 2022 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Wells abstaining due to prior absence.

**Assistant Director Updates:** The public budget hearing was discussed. Ms. Baker advised the board that the budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Baker advised the board that she and Ms. Wood met with Jessica Glancy, an editor with Springfield Living, to discuss advertising the office. Jim Ryan suggested the office commits to twelve-month contract to test out local print advertising. Ron Coss moved to enter into a twelve-month contract for $798.20 a month with Springfield Living. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote.

End of Month Reports were reviewed. Each board member received and reviewed the End of Month Reports.

All board members received and signed the Monthly Report to Posts.

**Executive Director Updates:** None.

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Advertising & Printing ~** Shout It Out Designs $1,500.00 for web hosting, Olligraphics $160.00 for office letterhead, Lamar $300.00 for billboards, Alpha Media $1,850.00 for radio ads, and Openeye Studio $12,250.00 for videography.

**Contract Services ~ U** S Bank $59.00 for copier lease.

**Other Expenses** ~ CC Historical Society $1,905.00 for December lease and OSACVSO $200.00 for 2023 membership dues.

The motion was seconded by Tom O’Neal and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Ron Coss moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance. Jim Ryan seconded the motion. Ron Coss called the roll: Bill McGee, absent; Grant Wells, yes; Jim Ryan, yes; Tom O’Neal, yes; Ron Coss, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:58 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance. The board returned to open session at 9:15 a.m.

Jim Ryan moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Ron Coss seconded the motion.

**Byron Benning**, 914 Robinson Drive, Springfield, OH 45506, dispatcher, was approved for $1,600.00 to Burton Minnick for housing. Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

**Bernard Erwin**, 915 Linden Ave., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

**Gary Gaines**, 908-1/2 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

**Sharon Nichols**, widow, 3200 E. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45505, housekeeper, was approved for $800.00 to The Drake for housing. Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

**Michael Randall**, 3728 Pitchin Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, driver, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, $398.28 to Ohio Edison for electric, $240.62 cash grant to the veteran for insurance, and $594.86 to Exeter Finance for a car payment. Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Tom O’Neal moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ James G. “Grant” Wells, President

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