Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30a.m. on 12 January 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, James G. “Grant” Wells, Bill McGee, and Ronald Coss. Executive Director Cathy Wood and Acting Director Crystal Baker were also present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Grant Wells moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 5 January 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Acting Director Updates:** Videography for the office was discussed. Ms. Baker advised the members that she met with Kolton from Open Eye Studio this past week and discussed possible option for advertising for 2023. After explaining the package that Kolton offered Mr. Ryan stated he thought it was a good investment. Bill McGee moved to authorize we purchase the Strategist Package for $29,500.00. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote.

The Clark County Roundtable event was conversed about. Ms. Baker informed the board that she attended a Round Table event with Senator Brown and others on 11 January 2023 concerning the PACT Act. Senator Brown, Police Chief Allison Elliot, five veterans, Montgomery County Veterans Office Director, Kim Frisco, Mike Lyle from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and three other service officers.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Wood discussed updates to the Rides Plus program.  The new contract was awarded to TAC Industries.  The Veterans Office was included in the RFP so our transportation services will continue.  The TAC representative Kevin Spriggs indicated services could possibly be expanded but they need a month or so to get everything in order.

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Contract Services ~** Specturm $137.97 for internet. Shred-it $450.48 for shredding services.

The motion was seconded by Grant Wells and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Grant Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance. Jim Ryan seconded the motion. Ron Coss called the roll: Bill McGee, yes; Grant Wells, yes; Jim Ryan, yes; Tom O’Neal, yes; Ron Coss, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance. The board returned to open session at 9:10 a.m.

Grant Wells moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Bill McGee seconded the motion.

**Jerry Dyer**, 837 N. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline. Vote: Yes 5, No 0.

**James Myers**, 3264 W. Jackson Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, contractor, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $82.01 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $707.06 cash grant to the veteran for mortgage and phone bill. Vote: Yes 5, No 0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Jim Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas O’Neal, President

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