Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30a.m. on 26 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 19 January 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Acting Director Updates:** Ms. Baker read allowed two Thank You cards received from widows thanking the Veterans Office for the $100.00 Kroger cards they received before Christmas.

Veterans Court was discussed. Ms. Baker updated the board members on the new Drug Court that has slowly started. Roger Ward has represented the office to assist with any veterans that enter the program. While it is termed “Drug Court”, it has the essential treatment options that the courts hope to eventually have enough numbers to split off a true Veterans Court. Jim Ryan asked which Judge Carey was running the program. Ms. Wood stated she thought it was Dan Carey.

Videography for the office was discussed. Ms. Baker advised the members that Kolton from Open Eye Studio would be at the next meeting to speak about social media options.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Wood briefed the VSC regarding a phone call with Jim Williams, Assistant Director of Job and Family Services.  According to Jenny Hutchinson and Beau Thompson our attorney will need to draft a MOU between the VSC and TAC Industries.  This will allow the program to continue with the VSC being responsible for charges for veterans using the service.

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Equipment Lease ~** Cintas $479.10 for AED lease.

**Office Supplies ~** Kavanaugh’s $145.98 for office supplies**.**

**Other Expenses ~** Huntington Bank $465.04 for housing supplies for veterans. Enterprise Resource $592.00 for eVetassist maintenance agreement.

The motion was seconded by Bill McGee and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Jim Ryan moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance. Grant Wells 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 8:45 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance. The board returned to open session at 8:55 a.m.

Grant Wells moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Ron Coss seconded the motion.

**William Jenkins**, 1529 W. Main St., Springfield, OH 45504, laborer, was approved for $575.57 to Ohio Edison for electric. 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 9:00 a.m.

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

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