Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30a.m. on 23 February 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: Ron Coss moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 16 February 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Acting Director Updates:** The outreach event at the soup kitchen was discussed. Ms. Baker informed the board there were 252 dinners provided to needy individuals last night.

Ms. Baker informed the board member she received the video for streaming as well as a video for the office website, Facebook, and Linkedin. Kolton from OpenEye Studio will be coming to the office March 2nd to take head shots of the staff members.

Tom O’Neal discussed topics from the Clark County Commission Meeting that he and Ron Coss attended the day prior. The county is no longer in a contract with Travel Specialties who was providing rides for Veterans to the Springfield Outpatient VA Clinic. The Board of Clark County Commissioners will receive twelve vehicles purchased by Travel Specialties with federal funds for the RidesPlus program.

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Equipment Lease ~** US Bank $78.41 for copier lease and overages.

**Other Expenses ~** Mansfield $549.73 for gasoline.

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. Bill McGee 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 8:40 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Earles, Charles,** 882 Stone Crossing, Apt. D, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food, $405.77 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $863.00 for housing. 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 9:10 a.m.

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

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