Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30a.m. on 16 March 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, Bill McGee, James G. “Grant” Wells, and Ronald Coss. Executive Director Cathy Wood, Acting Director Crystal Baker, and David Mitchell were also present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Jim Ryan moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 9 March 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a vote of 4-0 with Grant Wells abstaining due to his absence the week prior.

**Acting Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board members that Roger received a letter from Joe Digiorgio thanking him for his great service.

Ms. Baker informed the board members that she will be speaking at the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance event held at the VFW 1031 on March 25th at 11:00am.

**David Mitchell:** None.

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Assistance ~** First Transit $3750.00 for bus passes.

**Contract Services ~**Spectrum $167.97 for internet.

**Other Expenses ~** Ferncliff $680.00 for foundation setting for Donald Smith Jr., and James O’Bryant Sr., Springfield News Sun $170.97 for newspaper renewal, Clark County Historical Society $5886.00 for January, February, and March lease., Huntington Bank $201.32 for office beverages.

**Outreach ~** Huntington Bank $314.55 for pizza for the soup kitchen event.

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 and an appeal. 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 8:35 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 8:55 a.m.

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

**Anderson, Kweita,** 533 Villa Rd., Springfield, OH 45503, data clerk, was approved for $981.52 to Exeter for car payments and a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Baldwin, Mark,** 4726 Security Drive, Apt. 203, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Domer, Harold,** 2845 Columbus Ave., Lot 44, Springfield, OH 45503, security guard, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Peterson, Larry,** 1716 Salam Ave., Springfield, OH 45505, LPN, was approved for $80.79 to Ohio Edison for electric, $75.00 to Spectrum for internet, $733.00 to New Carlisle Federal Savings Bank for housing, and $424.99 cash grant to veteran to purchase a washer. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

Jim Ryan moved to deny the following veterans appeal due to no show. Ron Coss seconded the motion.

**Greene Paul,** 3684 Upper Valley Pike, Springfield, OH 45502, driver.

There being no further business to come before the board, Bill McGee moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Grant Wells and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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

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