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

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Jim Ryan moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 23 March 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Grant Wells and carried by a vote of 4-0 with Bill McGee abstaining due to last meetings absence.

**Acting Director Updates**: Ms. Baker asked Tom and Ron if there was anything mentioned at yesterday’s Board of County Commissioners meeting about them being asked to pay the setting fee for Veterans. Tom stated that was nothing was discussed however he would like to have a plan in place. He spoke about possibly completing an MOU. However, we would cross that bridge when we needed to.

Vehicles from the state were also discussed. Tom stated that in yesterday’s meeting with the Board of Clark County Commissioners Jenny Hutchinson stated the matter with the Veteran’s office getting two vehicles from the state would be on next week’s agenda.

Shredding services were discussed. The offices’ contract with Shred-it has expired. Ms. Baker advised the board members she contacted ERTH Systems Shredding, another shredding company, who gave a quote of half the price Shred-it was charging. Jim Ryan said that seems like a no brainer.

**David Mitchell:** None

Ron Coss moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Memorial Day Expenses ~** Marine Corp League, VFW 8437, and PUP Tent 5 $500.00 each for Memorial Day Expenses.

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 and an appeal. 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 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.

**Dyer, Jerry,** 837 N. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and $450.00 to Groundwork Properties for housing. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**McDonald, Michael,** 3504 Noble Ave., Springfield, OH 45504, factory worker, was approved for $976.30 to Ohio Edison for electric, $515.00 to Columbia Gas for heat, and $176.45 to Clark County Utilities for water. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Woods, Jason,** 2116 Broadway St., Springfield, OH 45504, clerk, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $550.00 to Bruce West for housing, and a $250.00 cash grant to the veteran for clothing. 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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