Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 4 May 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, Bill McGee, James G. “Grant” Wells and Ronald Coss. Executive Director Cathy Wood was 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 27 April 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates**: Ms. Wood passed out the monthly report to posts for review and signature and the end of month financial reports. Ron Coss moved to increase the amount of Kroger gift cards given to widows from $50.00 to $100.00. The motion was seconded by Bill McGee and carried by a unanimous vote. The capital asset balance of $69,000.00 was discussed. The funds were budgeted to purchase a new vehicle. The VSC agreed to purchase a new car to be used for transport to the Dayton VAMC and the Springfield CBOC. The current blue Hyundai Sonata is to be transferred to the office for office use. There were no other questions regarding the reports.

Ms. Wood discussed the FY22 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) report with the VSC. Ron Coss requested a coy.

Ms. Wood discussed the ODVS Annual Report of Statistics with the VSC. Jim Ryan, Bill McGee and Ron Coss requested copies.

An email was received from Michael Seiler of the Dayton National Cemetery. He is looking for 4-5 busses to assist with transporting visitors to the cemetery on Memorial Day from 0900 to 1300. The VSC agreed to send one van and driver. Willie Peterson will drive. Tom O’Neal asked if he would receive comp time. Ms. Wood indicated he would. Comp time and flex time for employees was discussed. Effective October 1 Crystal Baker as Executive Director will no longer receive comp time. She will transfer to flex time.

Jim Ryan asked about the status of the Shred-It contract. Ms. Wood has not heard anything new. She is under the impression that Ms. Baker is still waiting to hear from legal counsel Dan Harkins. She said it was probably unlikely that the VSC would not have to pay to cancel the contract. Discussion ensued. Tom O’Neal wants all of the contracts reviewed to ascertain if any other contracts auto renew.

Tom O’Neal mentioned House Bill 69 (formally HB 729). He received an email from the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners (OSAVSC) opposing and condemning the bill. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comments:** None.

Grant Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance applications. 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 9:00 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:05 a.m.

Ron Coss moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Jim Ryan seconded the motion.

**Diane McManamay,** 643 Villa Rd., Apt. F, Springfield, OH 45503, cashier, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food and a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline. Vote: Yes 5, No 0.

**Gregory Perkins,** laborer,735 Villa Rd., Apt. 140, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for $1600.00 to Fillmore Property Group for rent and deposit. 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 Bill McGee and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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

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