Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 18 May 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, Bill McGee, James G. “Grant” Wells 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 11 May 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Acting Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board that she submitted all paperwork needed for the new vehicle the office would like to purchase. They should see it on the agenda for the next Clark County Commission meeting. Ms. Baker also advised the board members that the drivers picked up the two vans that were given to us and they seem to be in great condition.

An outreach event was discussed. Ms. Baker advised the board that the office decided to host the Silent Watch on Saturday September 9, 2023. It will be in the same place as last year as we feel there was great traffic there.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Wood read aloud an email she received from Jane Fisher who works at the Heritage Center. They are requesting we cost share 17k-22k to purchase a kiosk for veterans to use at the museum. The board would like to wait until closer to the end of the year to decide.

Jim Ryan moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Equipment Lease ~** Cintas $120.00 for the AED.

**Office Supplies** ~ Kavanaugh’s $16.41 for office supplies.

**Other Expenses ~** Mac Ray $235.50 for Jim Ryan’s clothing, Fastlane $38.26 for vehicle washes, Reimbursement to Keith Garvin $38.60 for a key safe, and Mansfield $727.82 for fuel.

**Travel ~** David Mitchell and Darwin Hicks $255.26 each for reimbursement and mileage for Spring School.

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 8:55 a.m.

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

**Gaines, Christina,** widow, 908-1/2 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food and $1650.00 to Future Sights LLC for housing. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Pierce Cheryl,** widow, 1656 Kenton St., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

**Pollock, Richard,** 555 Villa Rd., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food.

Vote: Yes,5 No,0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ron Coss moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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

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