Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 25 May 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, Thomas O’Neal, Bill McGee, and Ronald Coss. Acting Director Crystal Baker and Assistant Director David Mitchell were also present. James G. “Grant” Wells was absent and excused.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Jim Ryan moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 18 May 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Ron Coss and carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Acting Director Updates:** An indigent burial was discussed. Jim Ryan moved to approve payment of $1000.00 to Richard, Raff, & Dunbar for the indigent burial of Kenneth Davis. The motion was seconded by Bill McGee and carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Baker advised the board that she and Ms. Wood would both be out of the office Friday, June 16th through Wednesday the 20th. Ms. Wood does not see clients on Wednesdays therefore the board members decided to cancel the weekly meeting that was scheduled for June 22nd. Ms. Baker advised the members that she would have a notice posted on the office website.

An outreach event was discussed. Ms. Baker distributed the flyers for the Silent Watch event that is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. Jim Ryan stated they looked nice.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell updated the board members on the PACT ACT event that he attended on Saturday the 23rd at the Guard base. He stated that no one was expecting him and he was set up at a table outside of the building. They didn’t have internet access. He stayed for six hours and spoke to seven veterans.

Bill McGee moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Grave markers ~** CenTec $1476.72 for flags.

**Memorial Day** ~ DAV 13 $500.00 for Memorial Day expenses.

**Other Expenses ~** OSACVSC $375.00 for membership dues.

The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Ron Coss 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, absent; 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 9:00 a.m.

Bill McGee moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Ron Coss seconded the motion.

**Barnett, Sandra,** 1457 W. Mulbury Street, Springfield, OH 45506, clerical, was approved for $500.00 to T & M Bear Alignment Shop for a car repair. Vote: Yes,4 No,0.

**Brickman, Matthew,** widow, 1219 Albemarle Road, Springfield, OH 45504, arborist, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,4 No,0.

**Cahall, Timothy,** 1707 E. High Street, Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for $1717.00 to Sue’s Furniture for furniture. Vote: Yes,4 No,0.

**Sharp, Thomas,** 2125 S. Tecumseh Road Lot 231, Springfield, OH 45502, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,4 No,0.

**Straight, Cody,** 339 White Cliff Court, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes,4 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 9:10 a.m.

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

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