Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 31 August 2023. Commissioners present: James G. “Grant” Wells, Thomas O’Neal, William E. McGee, and James R. Ryan. Executive Director Cathy Wood, Acting Director Crystal Baker, and Assistant Director David Mitchell were also present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: James R. Ryan moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 24 August 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James G. “Grant” Wells and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Acting Director Updates:** The Cruise-In was discussed. Ms. Baker asked what board members would be attending this event. James G. “Grant” Wells and William E. McGee stated they should be there to help.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell advised the board that the Rocking Horse is hosting a corn hole tournament September 16th and he is looking for a partner to represent the office. James G. “Grant” Wells and William E. McGee stated they would have to look at their calendars and they would let Mr. Mitchell know.

Mr. Mitchell updated the board members on the Homeless Round Table event he attended the day prior. He stated that Springfield High School has reported at least 100 homeless children attend school there.

William E. McGee moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Grave Markers ~** Cen Tec $222.52 for flag holders.

**Other Expenses ~** Friendsoffice $16.92 for envelopes. ERTH $65.00 for shredding services. Veterans Information Service $158.00 for “What Every Veteran Should Know”.

The motion was seconded by James G. “Grant” Wells and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance applications. William E. McGee seconded the motion. James R. Ryan called the roll: William E. McGee, yes; James G. “Grant” Wells, yes; James R. Ryan, yes; Tom O’Neal, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:10 a.m.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: James R. Ryan seconded the motion.

**Christina Gaines,** widow, 908 ½ S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and $1650.00 to Future Sights LLC for housing. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Gregory Perkins,** 735 Villa Rd., #140, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for $816.47 to FB Springfield GA for housing. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Steven Ratliff,** 1310 W. High St., Springfield, OH 45506, manager, was approved for $1196.00 to Home Depot for a stove and refrigerator. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**David Snyder,** 230 N. Clairmont Ave., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for $462.90 to IH Credit union for housing and $480.00 to Coachworks for car payment. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

There being no further business to come before the board, William E. McGee moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James R. Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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

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