Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 7 September 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 31 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:** Donations were discussed. Ms. Baker advised the board members that $145.00 was raised with the 50/50 raffle. The $145.00 was donated to the Springfield Soup Kitchen. James R. Ryan asked when we were going to work at the soup kitchen again. Ms. Baker advised she would set it up for some time in October.

Each member received and reviewed the end of month reports.

The board members received, reviewed and signed the Monthly Report to Posts.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell conducted a follow up on the Cruise-In that was held Friday September 1st. He stated that he felt it was successful, the venders were happy and the participants were pleased with how it turned out.

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

**Assistance ~** Cashstar $3,920.00 for food cards.

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. James R. Ryan 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 9:05 a.m.

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

**Randall Grover,** 3909 S. Xenia Dr., Enon, OH 45323, maintenance technician, was approved for $250.00 to Day Air Credit Union for a car payment. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Cynthia Harshaw,** widow, 1900 Falmouth Ave., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for $29.45 Rumpke for trash, $79.14 to City of Springfield for water, $333.19 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $650.52 to Columbia Gas for heat.. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Cody Straight,** 339 White Cliff Court, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food and $763.00 to Dover Place Apartment for housing. 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 9:10 a.m.

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

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