Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 19 October 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, William E. McGee, Thomas O’Neal, and James G. “Grant” Wells. Executive Director Crystal Baker and Assistant Director David Mitchell were also present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: James G. “Grant” Wells moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 12 October 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James R. Ryan and carried by a vote of Yes, 3 No, 0 with Thomas O’Neal abstaining due to last week’s absence.

**Acting Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board that there will be a defensive driving class offered November 6th,7th, and 8th however, none of the board members will be attending as they attended the year prior.

Ms .Baker updated the board members that were unable to attend to the soup kitchen event from the night prior. They served 272 individuals pizza from Little Ceasars.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell let the board know he received a call from an individual who was upset that the office is unable to transport him to community medical appointments. Thomas O’Neal offered to call the veteran.

Mr. Mitchell advised the board members there is a blacksmithing workshop being offered by Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil. None of the board members showed any interest.

James R. Ryan moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

**Contract Services** ~ Spectrum $167.97 for internet services.

**Other Expenses** ~ FriendsOffice $32.65 for office supplies. Mansfield $988.53 for vehicle fuel. Huntington Bank $1118.11 for NAVCSO registration for D. Hicks and D. Mitchell, Pizza for soup kitchen. Crystal Baker $369.62 reimbursement for Cathy Woods retirement lunch. MacRay $248.00 shirts for R. Ward. ERTH $65.00 for shredding services.

**Travel** ~ Corporate Payment Systems $1098.00 for D. Hicks, C. Baker, and R. Ward’s hotel stay for fall school.

The motion was seconded by William E. McGee and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Thomas O’Neal stated he spoke with Commissioner Lowell McGlothin Wednesday about Ms. Baker speaking at the Rotary Club meeting in New Carlisle on either November 28th or December 19. Ms. Baker was given his contact information and stated that she would contact him.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance. 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 9:00 a.m.

William E. McGee moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: James G. “Grant” Wells seconded the motion.

**John Isley,** 1590 E. High St., Apt. 106, Springfield, OH 445505, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $545.00 to Joseph Skilken for housing, $42.64 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $139.13 to Columbia Gas for heat.

Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Jeffrey Mougey,** 2509 W. Jackson Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387, industrial mechanic, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $1638.34 to Rocket Mortgage for housing, and $295.83 to Ohio Edison for electric.

Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Roderick Wells,** 1707 E. High St., Apt. 503, Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, and $324.50 to Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority for housing. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

There being no further business to come before the board, James R. Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James G. “Grant” Wells and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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

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