Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 30 November 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, William E. McGee, Thomas O’Neal, James G. “Grant” Wells, and James L. Hudson Jr. Executive 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 16 November 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James L. Hudson Jr. and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board members that she emailed Jennifer Hutchinson advising her that the board agreed to donate $15,000.00 from the Advertising & Printing account.

Ms. Baker advised the board that she would be attending the Directors Cross Talk at the Montgomery County Veterans Office Friday 1 December 2023.

The Commission Applications were discussed. Ms. Baker received three applications from Randy Ark, the Commander of MOPH. Annisa will take the applications to Judge Capper’s office Friday 1 December 2023.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell read aloud a thank you letter the office received from Cardinal Squares Dance Club thanking the office for the promotional items they provided for the dance clubs veterans.

Mr. Mitchell advised the board members that cookies were delivered on Monday to vendors for outreach. They were all very thankful.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to acknowledge payment of the following invoices:

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

**Office Supplies** ~ FriendsOffice $177.27 for office supplies.

**Other Expenses ~** FriendsOffice $746.08 for office supplies. MacRay $15.00 for Jim Hudson’s name plate.

**Outreach** ~ 4 Imprint $7,646.65 for outreach items.

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

**Public Comments:** None.

James R. Ryan moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing financial assistance and an appeal. James L. Hudson Jr. seconded the motion. James L. Hudson Jr. called the roll: William E. McGee, yes; James G. “Grant” Wells, yes; James R. Ryan, yes; Tom O’Neal, yes; James Hudson, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications and an appeal. The board returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

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

**Gregory Davis,** 1661 Titus Rd., Springfield, OH 45503, operations manager, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, $556.59 to Bank of America for mortgage, $414.99 to Ohio Edison for electric, $396.38 to Gregory Davis for a car payment, $80.30 to State Farm for insurance, and $449.50 to State Farm for insurance. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Scott Gallop,** 9151 W. National Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, and $600.00 to the Spencer Mundy for housing. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Tracy Strother,** widow, 808 W. High St., Springfield, OH 45506, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $210.00 to Tubman Towers for a deposit, $210.00 to Tubman Towers for housing, and $208.84 to U-Haul moving & Storage for a storage unit. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Ernest Rothgeb Sr.,** 2125 S. Tecumseh Rd., Lot 100, Springfield, OH 45502, laborer, was approved for $1,011.93 to Ohio Edison for electric, $221.00 to Columbia Gas for heat, and $1230.98 to Ally for a car payment. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Tshombe Sparks**, 1170 Selma Rd., Springfield, OH 45505, dish tanker, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food and $1,800.00 to Mills & Co. for housing. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

Jason Rush, 1900 Marinette Dr., Springfield, OH 45503, truck driver, decision was tabled until the next meeting. Vote: Yes, 5 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 9:35 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ William E. McGee, Vice President

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