Commissioner Thomas O’Neal called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 21 December 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 14 December 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James G. “Grant” Wells and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker stated that she read the County Commission minutes from Wednesday’s meeting and observed it noted the office was donating $20,000.00 to the Dog & Kennel Fund due to shortages. Ms. Baker advised the board they agreed to give $15,000.00 not $20,000.00 however; there was enough money left in Advertising & Printing if they wanted to give the other $5,000.00. James L. Hudson Jr. moved to “donate” another $5,000.00 for a total of $20,000.00 out of the Advertising & Printing Fund to disburse to the Dog & Kennel Fund. The motion was seconded by William E. McGee and carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Baker received a call from Willie, one of the drivers, who stated he took a client along with four other riders to the Dayton VA for their medical appointments. One of the veterans has a problem with incontinence. All of the riders complained of the smell. Once the veteran got to his appointment, the staff at the Dayton VA refused to see him. Several Social Workers met with the veteran, provided him with clean clothing and a chance to shower, which he refused. One of the riders called the office and complained once she was dropped off. The board decided the supervisors of the drivers needs to write the veteran a letter stating he will not be transported until he can get this issue under control, as it is a health hazard to others. James L. Hudson Jr. asked if a call should be made to report elderly abuse. Ms. Baker advised that the social worker at the Dayton VA stated she would call Adult Protective Services. James L. Hudson stated he thought it was our responsibility to report therefore, Ms. Baker agreed to call adult protective services as well.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell advised that he left numerous messages after the last meeting for Jason Rush to call and provide proof he paid $1,000.00 towards his mortgage. The veteran never returned the calls and therefore did not provide proof. He will be mailed a letter following up on this issue to inform him the Service Commission will not pay the $10,649.36 on his mortgage.

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

**Indigent Burial ~** Jackson Lytle & Lewis Funeral Home $1,000.00 for indigent burial for Donald Nesbitt.

**Other Expenses ~** OSACVSO $250.00 for 2024 membership dues.

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

**Public Comments:** None.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing financial assistance and an employee action. William, E. McGee 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 8:50 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:05 a.m.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Jim L. Hudson Jr. seconded the motion.

**Tracy Ferryman,** 3200 E. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45505, truck driver, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and $1,300.00 for housing. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Joe Kenerly-Cameron,** 1226 Torrence Dr., Springfield, OH 45503, truck laborer, was approved for a $750.00 to Coin Jar properties for housing. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Lisa Wood,** 4100 West Third St., Dayton, OH 45428, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $41.05 to Ohio Edison for electric, $54.28 to Columbia Gas for heat, and $16.45 to Guardian Water & Power for water.

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 William, E. McGee and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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

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