Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 28 December 2023. Commissioners present: James R. Ryan, William E. McGee, James G. “Grant” Wells, and James L. Hudson Jr. Executive Director Crystal Baker was also present. Thomas O’Neal was absent and excused.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: James R. Ryan moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 21 December 2023 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James G. “Grant” Wells and carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Executive Director Updates:** The budget was discussed. Ms. Baker reminded the board members of the budget hearing Thursday Jan. 4th at Springview at 9a.m.

A Commission reappointment was discussed. Ms. Baker advised the board members that she received the letter from Judge Capper’s office reappointing James R. Ryan for another five years.

A van rider issue was chatted about. Ms. Baker read aloud the letter for the veteran with the hygiene issue. All board members signed the letter to be sent in the mail to the veteran’s residence.

**Public Comments:** None.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing financial assistance and an appeal. James R. Ryan 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, absent; James Hudson, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:34 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications and discussed an appeal. The board returned to open session at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Scott Gallop,** 9151 W. National Rd., Lot 10, New Carlisle, OH 45344, mental health technician, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, and $600.00 for housing. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

**Gregory Perkins,** 735 Villa Rd., #140, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $798.40 to FB Springfield GA for housing, and $327.87 to the veteran for a car payment. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0.

The following appeal was approved:

Jason Rush, 1900 Marinette Dr., Springfield, OH 45503, truck driver, was approved for $6,917.76 to Wells Fargo for mortgage. 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ William E. McGee, President

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