Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 25 January 2024. 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 18 January 2024 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board that she is working with Roger Sherrock and Dan Harkins on the new lease for the office. Thomas O’Neal asked if rent went up. Ms. Baker stated that it went up about $60.00 a month.

An outreach event was discussed. Ms. Baker will attend and set up a table at an event today at Oakwood Village from

2-4p.m.

Thomas O’Neal moved acknowledge payment of the following invoices.

**Assistance ~** Cashstar $9,888.00 Kroger cards for assistance.

**Other Expenses ~** Darwin Hicks $400.00 reimbursement for NACVSO Registration, Fastlane $23.31 for a vehicle wash, Mansfield Oil $755.17 for gasoline.

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 and discussing financial assistance. Thomas O’Neal seconded the motion. James R. Ryan called the roll: William E. McGee, yes; James G. “Grant” Wells, yes; James R. Ryan, yes; Thomas O’Neal, yes; James Hudson, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:35 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 8:55 a.m.

James G. “Grant” Wells moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: Thomas O’Neal seconded the motion.

**Joe Cameron,** 24 W. College Ave., Apt. 5, Springfield, OH 45504, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Roger Deady,** 247 S. Kensington Place, Springfield, OH 45503, upholsterer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, $1,788.00 to Carrington for a mortgage, $296.94 to Columbia Gas for heat, $486.26 to Santander for a car payment, and $93.39 to Rumpke for trash. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Aaron King,** 901 S. Fountain Ave., Apt. A, Springfield, OH 45506, barber, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Deylon LeLewis,** 3314 E. National Rd., Lot #3, Springfield, OH 45505, construction, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Gregory Perkins,** 735 Villa Rd., #140, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $840.00 to FB Springfield NB for housing, and $327.87 cash grant to the veteran for a car payment. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Robert Reagan,** 2901 S. Tecumseh Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, sales associate, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, $156.00 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $681.81 to Columbia Gas for heat. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Eugene Richardson,** Widow, 368 Lammes Lane, New Carlisle, OH 45344, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, $1,290.61 to Select Portfolio for a mortgage, and $682.02 to Ohio Edison for electric. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**John Tomlin,** 4141 Troy Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and $3,129.21 to Carrington for a mortgage. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Lisa Wood,** 1222 W. Rearview Ave., Dayton, OH 45402, medical service technician, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $57.00 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $54.71 to Columbia Gas for heat. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Thomas O’Neal moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James R. Ryan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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

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