Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 1 February 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 25 January 2024 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 advised the board members that she started the conversion of VIMS to VetPro yesterday. She contacted Greene County’s Veteran’s Office to see if they would send a member of their staff over to help with a better transition. She has not heard back yet.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell stated that the office has received calls asking if we offer any grief support meetings. Mr. Mitchell said he would like to start this and see how it goes. Thomas O’Neal stated that United Senior Services and Grace Lutheran already have these groups. Mr. Mitchell suggested widows might feel comfortable coming here for a meeting. James R. Ryan said, “It’s not a bad idea”.

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

**Contract Services ~** Cintas $120.00 for AED lease.

**Other Expenses ~** Keith Garvin $12.85 reimbursement for windshield wash fluid for vehicles.

The motion was seconded by James L. Hudson Jr. 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. James L. Hudson Jr. 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 8:40 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:04 a.m.

James R. Ryan moved to approve financial assistance for the following applicants: James G. “Grant” Wells seconded the motion.

**Danny Chandler,** 101 Snyder St., Springfield, OH 45504, painter, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, $483.12 to the veteran for car payment, $622.42 to the veteran for a gas stove, and $156.20 to Columbia Gas for heat.. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Scott Gallop,** 1951 W. National Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344, social work, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline and $600.00 to Spencer Mundy for rent. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Grant Miller,** 2424 Lagonda Ave., Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $1,050.00 to Home Experts Realty for rent, $30.00 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $30.00 to Columbia Gas for heat.

Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Andrew Nelson,** 4466 Vernon-Asbury Rd., South Vienna, OH 45369, warehouse worker, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, $406.32 to Ohio Edison for electric, $343.88 to the veteran for a car payment, and $75.00 to Spectrum for internet. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Michael Randall,** 1014 Driscoll Ave., Springfield, OH 45502, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, and $1,950.00 to Kyle Wilson for rent. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**James Tossey II,** 2508 Mayfair Dr., Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food, $590.66 to Pennymac for mortgage, $217.83 to Ohio Edison for electric, $93.83 to Columbia Gas for heat, and $179.34 to City of Springfield for water. Vote: Yes, 4 No, 0 with James G. “Grant” Wells abstaining.

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 9:08 a.m.

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

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