Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 8 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 1 February 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 all staff will be in Columbus March 15th for annual training therefore, the board decided to close the office.

All members received and reviewed the end of month reports. All members received, reviewed, and signed the Report to Posts.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell passed out a flyer received from Randy Ark with MOPH regarding the Day of Remembrance which will be held March 30th at Grimes Kohl VFW Post 1031at10:00a.m. Ms. Baker stated that she would include a flyer with each Report to Posts today.

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

Advertising & Printing ~ Alpha Media $1950.00 for radio advertising, OpenEye Studios $2771.43 for videography.

Other Expenses ~ MacRay $70.00 for James L. Hudson Jr. shirts.

The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

Thomas O’Neal moved to enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing financial assistance. James G. “ Grant Wells seconded the motion. James R. Ryan 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. The board returned to open session at 9:03 a.m.

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

**Gregory Bates,** 2650 E. High St., Apt. 111, Springfield, OH 45505, laborer, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, and $334.49 to Ohio Edison for electric. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**John Isley,** 1590 E. High St., Apt. 106, Springfield, OH 45505, hotel attendant, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $545.00 to Joseph Skilken for housing, $48.96 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $82.42 to Columbia Gas for heat. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Alston McGary,** 1122 Olive Street, Springfield, OH 45503, delivery driver, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for food and $750.00 cash grant to the veteran for an electric stove. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**Candace Robinson,** 1905 Springmont Ave., Springfield, OH 45506, factory worker, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food, $1600.00 to Marie McAfee-Owens for a deposit and rent, $64.26 to City of Springfield for water, and $637.88 cash grant to veteran for car payment. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

**John Sibley Jr.,** 220 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 018, Springfield, OH 45506, car wash attendant, was approved for $3542.00 to Sue’s for Furniture.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 9:05 a.m.

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

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