Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 14 March 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 7 March 2024 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James L. Hudson Jr. and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board members that she attended yesterday’s Clark County Commission meeting at the Springfield-Clark Career Technical Center. The CC Commission approved the 2024 budget and decided to close county offices on 8 April 2024 due to the Solar Eclipse. James G. “Grant” Wells moved to close the Veterans Service Commission Office 8 April 2024 in preparation for the Solar Eclipse. The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal and carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Baker spoke about the Spectrum Contact that needed renewed for 2024. James G. “Grant” Wells moved to authorize the Spectrum Contract for advertising in the amount of $60,000.00. The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal and carried by a unanimous vote.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell reminded the board members that the office would be closed tomorrow due to the staff attending training in Columbus. The office will re-open Monday 18 March at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Mitchell updated the board on how many DD214’s have been scanned from binders into the new system and the server.

James R. Ryan moved to authorize payment of the following invoices:

Advertising & Printing ~ Springfield Arts Council $450.00 for summer ad, Springfield News-Sun $170.97 for newspaper subscription.

Other Expenses ~ Clark County Historical Society $2020.00 for January Lease, FriendsOffice $8.28 for office supplies.

Travel ~ OSACVSO $250.00 for Annisa Younts registration fee to New Officer School, Columbus Marriott $610.00 for Annisa Younts’ stay at the New Officer School.

The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal 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 policy updates. 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; Tom O’Neal, yes; James Hudson, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:42 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications and discussed a veteran’s eligibility to apply for assistance. The board returned to open session at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Thomas Galluzzo,** 1333 Bowman Rd., Springfield, OH 45502, security guard, was approved for, $411.14 to Ohio Edison for electric and $374.15 to Columbia Gas for heat. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0.

Thomas O’Neal moved to deny financial assistance for the following applicant: James R. Ryan seconded that motion.

**Kellee Murley**, 498 Lammes Lane, New Carlisle, OH 45344, transporter. 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 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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