Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 21 March 2024. Commissioners present: 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. James R. Ryan was absent and excused.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: James G. “Grant” Wells moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 14 March 2024 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by James L. Hudson Jr. and carried with a vote of 4,0.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker advised the board she has been corresponding with Fred at the Soup Kitchen to schedule the first Soup Kitchen event of the year. Fred suggested April 1st or 3rd. The board agreed to provide pizza to the needy April 3rd.

Memorial Day was discussed. Ms. Baker stated she mailed out Memorial Day applications to all organizations Tuesday March 19th. Therefore, they should be on the lookout for theirs.

The flagpole at the old Outpatient VA Clinic located at 512 Burnett Road, Springfield was discussed. Ms. Baker mentioned that she was contacted by veteran, Larry Moorman, who would like to take the flagpole from the old clinic and place it at the residence of Earl Morse, the Co-Founder of Honor Flight. The plaque that was attached to the flagpole has been removed and is in the Veterans Service Commission Office for safekeeping. Ms. Baker is working on getting this process completed.

**Assistant Director Updates:** The agenda for Spring Training that the board is attending Saturday was disbursed by Mr. Mitchell. James G. “Grant” Wells decided to wait and attend Summer Training with James R. Ryan.

Mr. Mitchell discussed the Vet Center holding a two-hour event for family and friends of veterans who suffer from Post -traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Vet Center will take care of advertising and the event. They would like to use our office. The board agreed this would be a great idea.

Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Baker met with Matt Cline from VetsBoats and discussed recreational therapy they offer to those suffering from PTSD by taking them sailing at Indian Lake.

Thomas O’Neal moved to authorize payment of the following invoices:

Assistance ~ Cashstar $13,920.00 for Kroger food and gasoline cards.

Contract Services ~ Spectrum $355.94 for internet service.

Other Expenses ~ Pitney Bowes $87.63 for postage meter lease, Huntington National Bank $613.42 for office supplies, Mansfield Oil $745.85 for vehicle gasoline, and Clark County Historical Society $4,040.00 for February and March Lease.

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 and policy updates. Thomas O’Neal seconded the motion. James G. “Grant” Wells called the roll: William E. McGee, yes; James G. “Grant” Wells, yes; James R. Ryan, absent; Tom O’Neal, yes; James Hudson, yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:40 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications and discussed a veteran’s appeal. The board returned to open session at 8:55 a.m.

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

**Anthony Jones,** 2936 Derr Road, Unit #204, Springfield, OH 45503, laborer, was approved for, $909.00 to FB Springfield NB for a deposit. Vote: Yes, 4 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 9:00 a.m.

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

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