Commissioner William E. McGee called the Clark County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 18 April 2024. Commissioners present: William E. McGee, Thomas O’Neal, James R. Ryan, 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 11 April 2024 and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Thomas O’Neal and carried out with a unanimous vote.

**Executive Director Updates:** Ms. Baker spoke about her meeting last week with the surrounding counties’ executive directors. The Dayton National Cemetery is hosting their Memorial Day Ceremony and expect 500-600 people to attend. Ken, one of our drivers, volunteered to take one of the vehicles there to help transport attendees from the hospital to the cemetery. Ms. Baker also updated the board members about some of the other counties’ outreach programs such as The Back-to-School Program where they supply a child of a veteran a bookbag and supplies. As well as providing transportation for veterans to their compensation and pension appointments.

Ms. Baker asked the board’s permission for herself and the Assistant Director to attend a webinar June 5th from 9am-12:15pm pertaining to the Sunshine Law Training offered by the state. All board members thought it was a good idea and approved their attendance.

**Assistant Director Updates:** Mr. Mitchell updated the board with the staff progress scanning the DD214’s into VetPro and the server.

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

**Memorial Day** ~ MOPH 620 $500.00 for Memorial Day.

**Other Expenses** ~ Huntington National $489.62 office drinks and outreach dinner. LIT Promotional $74.04 for promotional items.

**Printing & Advertising** ~ Marine Corps League Detachment 963 $100.00 for program advertisement.

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 financial assistance applications. 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 L. Hudson Jr., yes; motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. The board reviewed financial assistance applications. The board returned to open session at 9:10 a.m.

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

**Clarence Clark,** 1604 Sapele Dr., Apt. B, Springfield, OH 45504, laborer, was approved for $482.50 to the Hill Apartments for rent. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**Larry England,** 1229 Pythian Ave., Apt. A, Springfield, OH 45504, IT support, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and gasoline, $700.00 to Hayden Shook for rent, $147.64 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $30.00 cash grant to the veteran for phone. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**Alston McGary,** 1122 Olive St., Springfield, OH 45503, delivery driver, was approved for a $500.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline and $500.00 cash grant to the veteran for a car repair. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**Nancy Marine,** 203 Rosewood Road, Medway, OH 45341, clerical, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food and gasoline, $1,102.00 to New Carlisle Federal Bank for mortgage, $175.73 to CenterPoint for heat, and $2,356.60 to Santander for car payments. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**Paul Sodders,** 202 Sturgeon St., Springfield, OH 45506, custodian, was approved for a $400.00 Kroger card for food, a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline, $800.00 to Sunna Bass for rent, $83.00 to Ohio Edison for electric, and $142.00 to Columbia Gas for heat. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**LaRue Sparks,** 1707 E. High St., Apt. 515, Springfield, OH 45505, construction, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food and a $100.00 Kroger card for gasoline. Vote: Yes, 5 No, 0

**Lisa Wood,** 1222 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton, OH 45402, laborer, was approved for a $300.00 Kroger card for food.

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 L. Hudson Jr. and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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

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